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WARSHIPS LEAVE SHANGHAI

British, U.S. Naval Units Move Down To Woosung REDS DRIVE SLACKENS

Shanghai, April 26.

Heavy British and American naval units today moved from their usual moorings in the placid, muddy Whangpoo River—which runs through Shanghai—to the mouth of the harbour at Woosung as the exodus from the threatened metropolis continued in full swing.

The warships which took up new positions some 10 miles down-river from the heart of the city included the British cruiser London, still bearing the scars of recent Communist shelling in the Lower Yangtse, the El Dorado, Flagship of Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger, Commander of the United States West Pacific Fleet, the British destroyer Constance and the United States transport Chilton, the floating base of some 600 United States Marines.

The British destroyer Black Swan, another of the vessels involved in the recent Yangtse incidents at present holds a lone watch on Shanghai from the famous "Battleship Row" directly opposite the teeming Bund.

A British Navy announcement today indicated that British vessels will remain in their present berths to render what assistance they can to Commonwealth nationals during the change-over period.

The American Navy, in announcing the movements of its units down-river, said that small United States craft and berthing facilities at the United States naval annexe are being retained and these craft are sufficient to handle all United States nationals—some 4,000—now in Shanghai.

Today's naval movements followed an American statement 24 hours earlier that after a re-appraisal of plans for the protection of Americans, necessitated by the recent Yangtse incidents, it had been decided to move all heavy units from close anchorage in the Whangpoo to the Lower Yangtse.

Tension Slackens

Tension eased somewhat today on published reports that the Communist advance on the city had slackened considerably but business of all kinds was at an almost complete standstill. There were no quotations for gold bars or United States dollars while banks accentuated already difficult living conditions by refusing to cash cheques or cashier orders. Silver dollars remained at a high premium over United States dollars today with the exchange rate around seven to 10. Steamship companies, airlines and the majority of shops are now demanding payment in dollars—which means a considerable rise in the cost of living for even gold-dollar salaried people. With the exception of harassing raids by small bands of Communist guerrilla forces in scattered areas, there was little fighting in the past 24 hours in the Shanghai-Hangchow-Nanking triangular area, according to reports, both official and independent, available here today.

Reds Operations

Communist operations along the Shanghai-Nanking railway are claimed to have slowed down considerably. An official Central News Agency despatch this afternoon said that a small band of Communist soldiers was active at a point 10 miles North West of Soochow, 60 miles West of Shanghai and that Nationalist forces had begun mopping up operations. The agency also said that a 500 strong band of Communist

guerrillas, moving towards Huhaiwan, a small railway station seven and a half miles West of Soochow, has been driven back by Nationalist units. Red guerrillas were said also to be active in Changshu in the rice producing centre near Wushu. The railway administration here said today that services were normal on the Shanghai-Hangchow line, with all Southbound trains crowded to roof-tops. Meanwhile, local defence preparations continued apace. Besides the arrival of more troops on the city's perimeter from the surrounding areas, the military authorities have ordered the conversion of several dance halls to hospitals.

Shanghai's acting mayor, General Chen Liang, today appealed to the local populace to maintain a calm attitude and to disregard rumours and false reports.

He said that the concentration of experienced troops in the suburbs of the city formed a barrier able to withstand any attack.

Two Executed

The garrison authorities in the past 24 hours have executed two Chinese "rumour-mongers" for spreading false reports and arrested some students of a local Chinese university where they were reported to have seized banners and posters containing slogans, welcoming the Communists into the city. The Garrison authorities, in announcing the execution of rumour-mongers, said that they hoped this would serve as an example. They charged the condemned men with spreading "false reports" designed to undermine the confidence of the people. —Reuter.

"THERE'S STILL TIME TO SAVE CHINA"

San Francisco, April 26. Major-General Claire Chennault, former "Flying Tigers" leader and an airline operator in China, expressed belief last night there is still time to save China from the Reds.

He told a Press conference, he felt the Nationalists would establish resistance along natural defence lines and South China as well as the Western and North Western (Mohammedan) provinces would hold out. In 1941, he said, the National Government held much less territory than it does today. "There are millions and millions of Chinese who do not like Communism and will fight it," he said. Chennault and his wife are en route to Washington for conferences on China aid. He is urging that American troops be sent to aid and supervise National Government forces, and that China be sent a steady flow of equipment and supplies. Chennault told government officials that Communist moves in China were

BRITISH PAPER IN SHANGHAI SUSPENDED

Shanghai, April 26. The British-owned "North China Daily News" did not appear this morning as the result of a suspension order issued yesterday by the local Garrison authorities but the other two English language newspapers, the "China Press" and the "China Daily Tribune," both Chinese-owned and which were also originally suspended, published as usual.

Jenkins, Reuter correspondent and George Vine, Assistant Editor of the "North China Daily News," were released at 11.15 a.m. today after being detained by the Garrison for 20 hours.—Reuter.

HMS Jamaica Coming Here

London, April 25. The Admiralty today announced that the 8,000-ton British cruiser HMS Jamaica, mounting six-inch guns, had been ordered to proceed to the Far East from Bermuda at her best speed consistent with endurance.

The Admiralty also issued a statement saying that British warships which had been at Nanking and Shanghai, to provide assistance for Commonwealth nationals in case law and order broke down during the authority change-over, would be withdrawn as soon as circumstances permit. The Admiralty said today it had no knowledge of the reports that two British aircraft carriers and a group of submarines were bound for Hong Kong to reinforce the British Far Eastern Fleet.—United Press and Associated Press.

Reds Want Compensation And Apology

Shanghai, April 26. The Chinese radio yesterday broadcast a demand that "the British government must pay compensation and apologise" to the Communists for last week's battle involving four British ships in the Yangtse River.

The Peking broadcast quoted an editorial by the official Communist New China News Agency. It reiterated the Red accusation that the British had intervened in China's civil war and had caused 252 casualties among Communist troops. Punishment by Britain of "perpetrators of this act" also was demanded. It concluded by demanding that "the aggressive military forces" of both Britain and the United States immediately withdraw from all China.

The British Foreign Office disclosed in London today that the Chinese Government warned Britain two months ago that it was unable to guarantee the safety of ships in the Yangtse River. The spokesman told a news conference that despite its warning, the Chinese Government did not specifically suggest that British ships should be withdrawn. Chinese Embassy officials, however, said that their Government clearly intended that their warning should be followed by the withdrawal of foreign vessels anchored in the Yangtse. The officials said the purpose of the Chinese communication was to prevent ships entering the river without carefully studying the risks.—Associated Press.

Wedding Anniversary

London, April 26. Messages of congratulation from many parts of the country and Empire reached the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace today on their 25th wedding anniversary. It was marked only by a small family gathering. A regatta, celebrating the King's birthday is to be held at Lambeth on June 25. The proposed course is between "Tall" Gallery and Charing Cross Pier on the one side and HMS President and Lambeth Pier on the other.—Reuter.

INDIA AND REDS REGIME

New Delhi, April 26. The External Affairs Ministry today announced that India has decided to grant de facto recognition to the local Chinese Communist authorities in Nanking. The announcement said recognition of the new Communist regime for China is a "major question which will be taken up in the course of the United Press

Another Busy Day At Kai Tak



Reds Announce Eight Laws

Eight Provisional Laws have been promulgated by the People's Liberation Army, according to the Communist Party's New China News Agency.

The laws, signed by Mao Tse-tung as Chairman of the People's Revolutionary Committee and by General Chu Teh as Commander-in-chief of the Peoples Liberation Army follow:

1. The property and lives of the people shall be given protection. All persons irrespective of class, faith or occupation, must preserve order and co-operate with the Liberation Army, and the Liberation Army on their side must also co-operate with the people.
2. The people's industry, agricultural enterprises and cattle farms shall be protected. Private enterprises—shops, factories, banks, godowns, shipping, piers, farms and cattle farms—all shall be given protection.
3. All official capital shall be confiscated. The shops, factories, banks, godowns, shipping, piers, farms and cattle farms, railways, post offices, telegraph offices, power stations, telephone companies, and water works, shall be taken over by the People's Government.
4. All public and private schools, hospitals, cultural and educational institutions and sports grounds shall be protected. Employees at these places shall continue at their posts. They shall be protected by the People's Government.
5. Except for the war criminals and anti-revolutionaries, all Kuomintang Central Executive members, provincial, municipal and county government officials, National Assembly representatives, Legislative Yuan, Supervisory Yuan, Police force, and village administration officials who do not take up arms to oppose or engage in sabotage, shall be given their freedom when the Liberation Army and People's Government arrive. They shall not be molested or ill-treated.
6. For the preservation of law and order, all military remnants shall report to the People's Liberation Army posts. No inquiries shall be made and no questions asked of those who voluntarily report and surrender. Those who do not report and who hide their arms shall be severely dealt with.

STOP PRESS

London, April 26. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons today that Britain's attitude to the Chinese civil war was governed by the Moscow declaration of December, 1945, when Britain, Russia and the United States announced a policy of non-interference in China's internal affairs.

The Prime Minister was making a statement to a crowded House on the shipping of British warships in the Yangtse last week just before the Communist armies crossed the river in strength.

He added that, in view of the considerable British involvement in China and the presence of large British communities, the British Government decided some months ago that the British Ambassador and Consular officers in China should remain at their posts.

"In the disturbed conditions which I have prevailed in recent months, warships of various powers have been at Shanghai and Nanking; so that, in the event of a breakdown of law and order as the result of the hostilities, they would be able to assist in the evacuation of their nationals." —Reuter.

TENSION RISES AS SHANGHAI KEEPS VIGIL

Shanghai outwardly is maintaining a wobbly equilibrium as the tension of watchful waiting for the advancing Communist troops increases hourly.

Passengers arriving here yesterday by air said that the city was still peaceful, that several riots had occurred earlier in the day and it is greatly feared that there may be an outbreak of looting. Martial law, however, appeared to have had the effect of keeping the situation fairly well under control, they said.

A shortage of cash was reported to have developed, adding to the city's chaotic economic conditions. Lunghua Airfield was jammed with hordes of people anxiously awaiting transportation according to airline personnel arriving at Kai Tak.

They were offering almost anything for a ticket on a plane out of the place, declared one pilot. "Some had flatfuls of bills and others waved gold bars." An extra detachment of military police was stationed at the airfield to keep order. Outgoing passengers had to be passed by Customs officials, police and gendarmes. They also were required to produce "Citizen's Identification Cards" before being permitted to depart.

Ordinary plane fares from Shanghai to Hong Kong amounted to US\$95, while the more deluxe Skyliner fares were US\$110. Although the market price of the silver dollar late on Monday was 450,000 Gold Yuan, the passengers reported that airline companies in Shanghai had set an arbitrary rate of 500,000 Gold Yuan to the silver dollar.

Riots were said to have broken out in several small banks and in Yangtsepo. Shanghai's factory and godown district. One spinning and weaving factory in this area was said to have been looted. Soldiers later took over the premises.

Universities Occupied

The Shanghai University, near the military Kiangwan airfield, and American endowed St. John's University had been suspended, it was reported. Soldiers have moved into the campuses. While student boarders were allowed to remain, they were being watched carefully.

As the evacuation pace increased in Shanghai yesterday, another extremely busy day in its history. Planes arrived and took off around the clock. A considerable number of commercial aircraft took off and landed after dark, keeping the airport and airfield personnel on 24-hour duty for the first time.

Cars and buses jammed the narrow roadway leading into the local airport. Crowds of people, arriving, departing or just waiting, swarmed in and out of the Dairy Farm cafeteria. A number of special constables and plainclothesmen were on hand to control the crowds.

The scene was pathetic one moment, and comical the next, as the planes from Shanghai disgorged their passengers.

CABINET MEETING

London, April 26. The Cabinet met for one hour today. It was believed that the main subject of discussion was the situation in China and the statement to be made later today in Parliament by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, on the incidents in the Yangtse river involving British warships. The three Service chiefs, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser, First Sea Lord, Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder, Chief of the Air Staff, were present during the Cabinet talks.—Reuter.

In one corner an old amah sat on a bench with her head bowed on her arm. Stretched out on the bench beside her, completely exhausted but sleepless, was an 18-month old baby boy, her employer's son. The amah said she was "bidding the child here for safety's sake. She herself hoped one day to return to Shanghai, where her own relatives lived."

"I'm No Capitalist" — "After all, I'm not any capitalist," she said. "So why shouldn't I go back?"

One of the lighter touches was provided by a distinguished-looking Chinese gentleman in Western dress. He was wearing two hats, a grey felt with a bright yellow straw one pyramided on top.

Among those arriving from Shanghai were the following: Dr. Lu Kung-yung, Minister of Finance; General Liu Tso-chuan, former Governor of Jehol Province; Mr. Chang Chia-ngau, former Governor of the Central Bank of China.

On a special plane personnel and dependants of CNA's arrived from Shanghai. This was the first plane bringing CNA's evacuee employees to Hong Kong.

RAF May Help

The RAF at Kai Tak may be called upon to assist in the flying out of evacuees from Shanghai. "It depends on developments," a RAF officer told the "China Mail." "But so far, we have had no request for such aid."

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) a ridge of moderately high pressure extends from the Pacific anti-cyclone to the China Sea. A weak anti-cyclone covers W. China. A shallow depression is moving ENE across Korea, and a deepening depression is moving into the Pacific to the E of Hokkaido. Today's Forecast—Light W and SW winds. Continuing fair and warm. Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 87.8 deg. Fah. Minimum: 75.2 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 2 1/2 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—22.1 mm.—8.32 in. as against an average of 24.8 mm.—9.80 in. for this time of year. 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Bar. at sea. 1013.8 1011.8 m.b. Rain. 10.0 10.0 m.m. Humidity 75 75 % Dew Point 75 75 deg. F. Wind Direction WNW SW Wind Force 0 0 kts. Tide—High 10.0 4.0 Low 2.0 8.0

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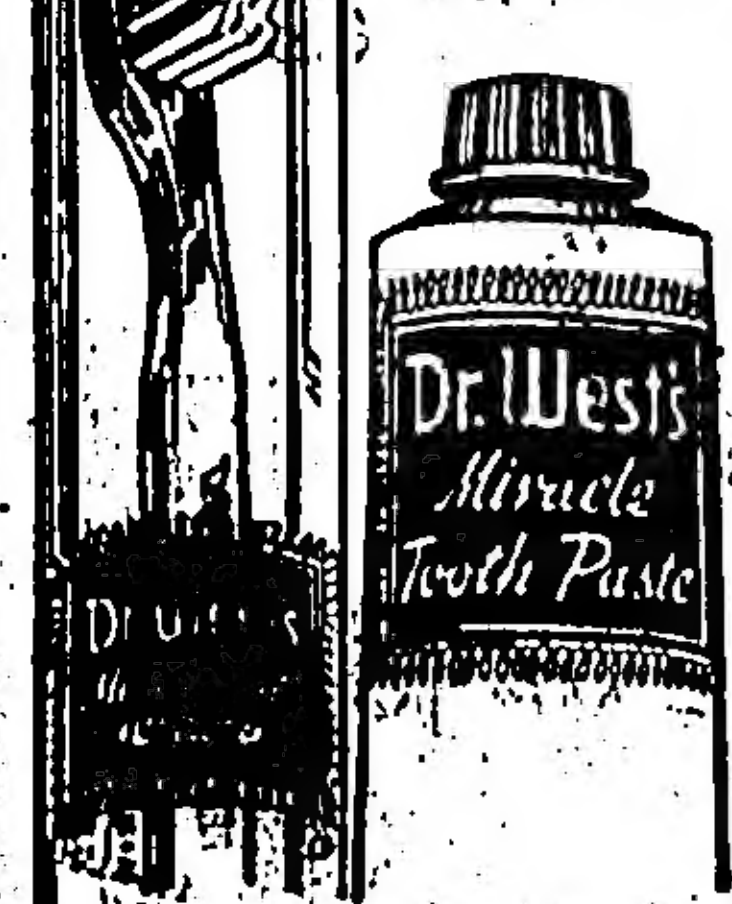
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Plan To Catch Cowie Told

A plan worked out by the Anti-Corruption Branch by which the plaintiff in the claim was alleged to have been caught accepting a bribe of \$50, was revealed by defence counsel at the hearing of a claim before Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, yesterday.

William Henry Cowie, ex-Sub-Inspector of Police, who was dismissed on August 25, 1947, following allegations of his having received the bribe from one Chan Yu-tong, is suing the Government for the sum totalling HK\$6,976 by virtue of wrongful dismissal without notice and in breach of contract.

The claim is being heard before a special jury, comprising Mr. F. J. Horman-Fisher, Mr. Chan Sin-ming, Mr. Kenneth Chan, Mr. J. Mothersill, Mr. T. J. Pratt, Mr. R. E. Desai and Mr. S. S. Jorgensen.

Plaintiff is being represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y. H. Chan, Conductor of the case for the defence is Mr. A. Lansdale instructed by Mr. L. R. Andrews.

The claim, which was originally for \$7,516.13, was amended yesterday on the application of Mr. Bernacchi to \$6,976.

Under further cross-examination from Mr. Lansdale in connection with the contents Cowie had in his overalls on June 5, 1947, Cowie, denying a suggestion from Counsel, asserted that he did carry a handkerchief and a cigarette case in his pocket.

Numbers Tally

Further questioned, plaintiff admitted that the serial number of each of the five \$10 notes found in his pocket tallied with the numbers which Inspector Johnston had with him at the CID office.

Mak Yuen, motor mechanic attached to the Traffic Department, Kowloon, then took the stand. He stated that in 1947 he was working with Inspector Cowie assisting in the examination of public and commercial vehicles.

Turning to the morning of June 5, 1947, Mak disclosed that the table, stool and cards were taken down as usual outside the building. Two bikes from the KMB were first examined and passed. The Inspector then spoke to the remaining vehicle drivers, asking them as to which were the vehicles that had been examined in May. Four or five lorries were selected accordingly, examined and passed.

After this, Mak continued, another batch of lorries came forward to be examined. The first of these was an old Chevrolet of Stutchbaker. Cowie had a look at the vehicle, after which he got inside with the driver, and drove away towards Jordan Road. After three or four minutes, he said, he saw the lorry returned. When the lorry stopped he heard Cowie tell the driver to go away. No card was given to the driver, witness added.

Mak went on to say that, shortly after the lorry had gone, Cowie went up to a taxi of the Kowloon Taxicab Company. After a moment, witness said, the Inspector called to him to come to the taxi. Upon doing so, he was asked to interpret to the taxi-driver to inquire as to whether the car had any fire-extinguisher. The driver replied that it was in his garage. Cowie then entered the taxi together with the driver and drove away to the taxi garage.

Weather Condition

Not long after the car had gone, witness disclosed, it started drizzling.

Cross-examined by the defence, Mak denied that it had commenced to rain before the lorry. Cowie was testing had returned to the Magistracy building entrance. However, the sky was at the time quite dark, he said.

Counsel: I put it to you that it started to rain and that you packed your things into the office before the Chevrolet came to a standstill.

Witness: That is not correct. I put it to you that you did not interpret anything to the taxi driver after this—I did speak to the taxi driver.

Mak agreed with Counsel that the failure of passing of vehicles was entirely on Cowie's discretion. His own duty, he added, was to sort out the number of the card that was asked for by the Inspector. Witness further revealed that there was never any deviation from this did system of handing out the cards and the passing of the vehicles.

The next witness, Lo Fat, the driver of the taxi, testified that he had been asked by Cowie through the interpretation of Mak Yuen, previous witness, as to the whereabouts of this car's fire-extinguisher. He gave testimony as to the driving of the taxi by Cowie with himself in it to the company's garage.

Witness revealed that shortly after the Inspector was driving the car, it started raining drop by drop. By the time the taxi had reached the Alhambra Theatre, he stated, it started raining very hard.

In Small Drops

Questioned by Mr. Lansdale on the question of the rain, Lo told the Court that it had begun to rain by small drops before the Inspector came forward to inspect his taxi.

Francis M. Chung, manager of the Alhambra Theatre, testified that he was in the Kowloon Taxicab Company's office at the time the lorry was examined.

Personalalia

Among the passengers who left the Colony yesterday for Kianglin by CFA were Messrs. F. C. Johnson, So Chiau, Tan Yin, Wong Yu, and George Ting dy.

Mrs. A. M. Pedersen left for Copenhagen yesterday by BOAC. Among the other passengers on the same flight bound for the United Kingdom were Miss Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. N. K. Littlejohn, Mr. M. Black, and Mr. Hetherington.

Messrs. Werner, Lank, J. S. Lyons, Koonrad, Hsu and Low Way-ming left for Bangkok yesterday by BOAC.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger, Mr. and Mrs. Seth, and Mr. O. W. Walters left for Singapore yesterday by BOAC.

Mr. H. Diddah left Hong Kong for Manila yesterday by the ss. Hermelin.

Messrs. M. R. A. Smidt, F. Pratt, Boul, Fernand, and Walter Beck have left Hong Kong for Saigon by Air France.

Mrs. P. Jorgensen left for Amoy yesterday by the ss. Anhui.

Among the departures for the United Kingdom yesterday by the ss. Astyanax were Mrs. M. F. Biggar, Mrs. W. O'Neill, Mrs. S. V. McElmore, Captain and Mrs. W. Lunsted and Mrs. M. C. Duck.

Miss M. J. Powell left Hong Kong yesterday by the ss. Astyanax.

Mr. J. K. Blackwell left the Colony yesterday by the ss. Pakhol.

Miss M. McCutchen, Miss I. S. P. Grindley and Mr. J. Chubb left for Foochow by the ss. Pakhol.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General, South East Asia, and Mrs. MacDonald will return to Singapore by BOAC on Friday.

Mr. Kenneth F. Noble, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner at Hong Kong, will address the Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, tomorrow. His subject will be "Canada". The Y's Men meet weekly at the Hong Kong Hotel on Thursdays at 12.35 p.m.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Mear, Messrs. J. Roux, R. D. Randa, J. Sakin, R. Berry, G. W. Rothery, and Y. F. Lam.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mrs. A. J. Moody, Colonel and Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. E. A. Meyerling, Messrs. D. G. Ponte, B. B. Wickstead, W. Black, T. M. Milne, E. Gerber, K. K. G. S. Bann, C. M. Griffiths, W. Hootch, R. M. Phillips, W. K. May, H. H. Evans, B. Michell, C. C. Bruce, C. Harvey, B. D. Hamer, T. L. Fletcher, W. T. Goodwin, E. Parsons, and A. J. Pierce.

Arrivals from Tientsin yesterday by the ss. Pritchard included Mrs. J. Pritchard, Miss A. Pritchard, Mr. N. S. McEath, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Barnes, Messrs. A. A. E. Franklin, W. A. G. Price, W. B. Chilton, J. Ullmann, H. Beckmann, C. J. Korenoff and Mrs. P. Korenoff.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Mr. Mario do Souza Remedios, milling engineer, of 23 Homuth Street, and Miss Vivian Tsai; Mr. James Connell Brown, engineer, of 4 Garden Terrace, and Miss Gwendolyn Annette May Rowell, Church Guest House, of 1 Upper Albert Road.

very good."

Cowie was further alleged to have committed that the handbrake was not good, but that the engine was running well. Witness stated that Cowie asked him why he did not have these things repaired, to which witness said he replied that his lorries travelled only in the New Territories.

"If your vehicle was examined by another Inspector, he would not pass it," Cowie was alleged to have remarked. He is further alleged to have said that, as the lorry travelled only in Chinese territory, it need not return to Hong Kong.

When the lorry was returning to the Magistracy, Chan told the Court, it began to rain very little. By the time the lorry had stopped, it was raining very heavily.

The Inspector then left the lorry and ran into a nearby taxi, Mak Yuen, the clerk, was no longer in the office of the building by that time.

Questioned, witness stated that he had somewhat expected to receive a card for his vehicle, as he had heard the Inspector mention "Okay". He did not however get any.

A Faint Name

Cross-examined by Mr. Bernacchi, witness admitted that the name "Chan Yu-tong" was invented by him only when the Inspector asked him what he thought of what others in the line of business as "himself might think of him if he gave his real name, Yu Hoi-chuen, it was only a disguise."

"I did not intend to change my name for a time to help the Government," he said.

After further cross-examination on the subject of witness' name, hearing was adjourned until 10 o'clock.

Another "Fairy" Swindle Case

Justice was meted out yesterday at Central to another culprit of the now oft prevalent "fairy" swindle.

Arrested on November 17 last year, Ho Chung, aged 32, a travelling tradesman by profession, was charged on three counts of conspiracy, larceny of \$20,000 cash by trick, and obtaining \$16,000 by false pretences, from one Robert Lee alias Lee Po.

After five and a half months of protracted hearing, counsel for the accused, Mr. A. S. Comber finally made his defence submission yesterday. Accused reversed his original plea of not guilty to guilty on the first two charges. His plea of not guilty to the third charge was accepted by the prosecuting counsel, Mr. R. H. Woodhead.

Pleading for leniency Mr. Comber said that defendant has no previous record. He has a wife and a concubine, a son, and an aged mother, all of whom he supports with his income of \$400-\$500 per month.

The accused, continued Mr. Comber, is only a minor culprit in the alleged swindle. He is, counsel said, probably one of those "suckers" of whom there are many in the Colony, who for the sake of earning some money are asked to introduce some rich people to the gang of swindlers.

Receives \$500

Going on, Mr. Comber said that if the Court accepted the evidence that accused had received \$500 as his share, the amount represented less the one-third sixth of the total amount alleged to have been involved.

The actual rogues in the swindle, he said, are those who are never brought to justice.

Counsel added that there was a similar case before Mr. Justice at the Kowloon court some time ago, attended by exactly similar circumstances. The learned judge, he said, sentenced the accused to four months, the sentence dating from the time of arrest.

He further submitted that defendant in this case has already been detained in gaol custody for five and a half months and that period in gaol should have acted as sufficient deterrent to him. If he should serve a further period in gaol, the infliction would not be on him, the guilty person, but on his family, the innocent ones who will be without their breadwinner.

On passing sentence, Mr. Woodhead, the magistrate, remarked that due to the prevalence of his type of offence, offenders should be punished heavily, but he was satisfied that there was a redeeming feature in this case, in that the principal offenders have not been brought up for justice.

A sentence of ten months' hard labour on each count, to be served concurrently and dating from the time of arrest was passed.

FINED FOR FREE RIDE

Four Chinese railway restaurant waiters who admitted that they had travelled from Kowloon to Canton on a KCR express on Monday without paying, were fined \$25 each by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Wong Chung, aged 45; Wong Kau, aged 42; Kwan To, aged 42 and Lo Lam, aged 25, were railway restaurant waiters of the KCR Chinese section.

Inspector J. Oren said that defendants all possessed passes permitting them to travel without fare on trains in the Chinese section. However, they should pay \$1.70 each for travelling from Kowloon to Shum Chun.

SHIPPING DATES UNCHANGED

Messageries Maritime announced yesterday that their shipping schedules remain unaltered.

The ss. Champollion, plying between Marseilles and Shanghai, which left the Colony for Europe last Monday, will return in two or three months.

Waterboat Firm's Profit For 1948

A bonus and dividend totalling two dollars a share was approved at yesterday's annual meeting of shareholders of the Union Waterboat Company, Limited.

A profit of HK\$98,489.37 was reported for the year under review.

Mr. E. R. Hill, the Chairman, addressing the meeting, said during the year 1948, the sale of water amounted to 600,000 tons approximately five per cent less than the year, 1947.

This was mainly due to the American shipping strike which occurred during the latter part of 1948.

Speaking of the company's new waterboat, Tai Ng No. 5, the chairman said she was launched on May 29, 1948 and put into service on August 2, 1948.

She proved to be entirely satisfactory. The total cost of this vessel was HK\$24,471.21, the chairman added.

Our fleet of six waterboats and the M/L Diana are in the first class condition and our Superintendent has reported that the older vessels are good for many more years of service," Mr. Hill remarked.

The chairman further remarked that the present year had started well, and sales to date have been higher than those for the corresponding period of 1948.

The auditing committee has decided to set off war losses amounting to \$186,516.00 against the company's general reserves.

In the profit and loss appropriation account, the balance available for appropriation is HK\$207,037.10. It was recommended by the consulting committee to be disposed as follows—

To write down value of investments by... \$34,800.00
To transfer to General Reserve... 80,510.00
To pay a Dividend of—free of Tax on 71,430 shares... 71,430.00
To pay a Bonus of \$1.00 of Tax on 71,430 shares... 71,430.00
To carry forward to next account... 2,807.10
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On the proposal of the chairman, and seconded by Mr. U. Szewing, the report and the statement of accounts were unanimously adopted.

The meeting was attended by Messrs. E. R. Hill, chairman, J. W. Shymon, A. C. O'Neill, J. D. Alexander, T. B. Wilson and V. Yungyich, secretary.

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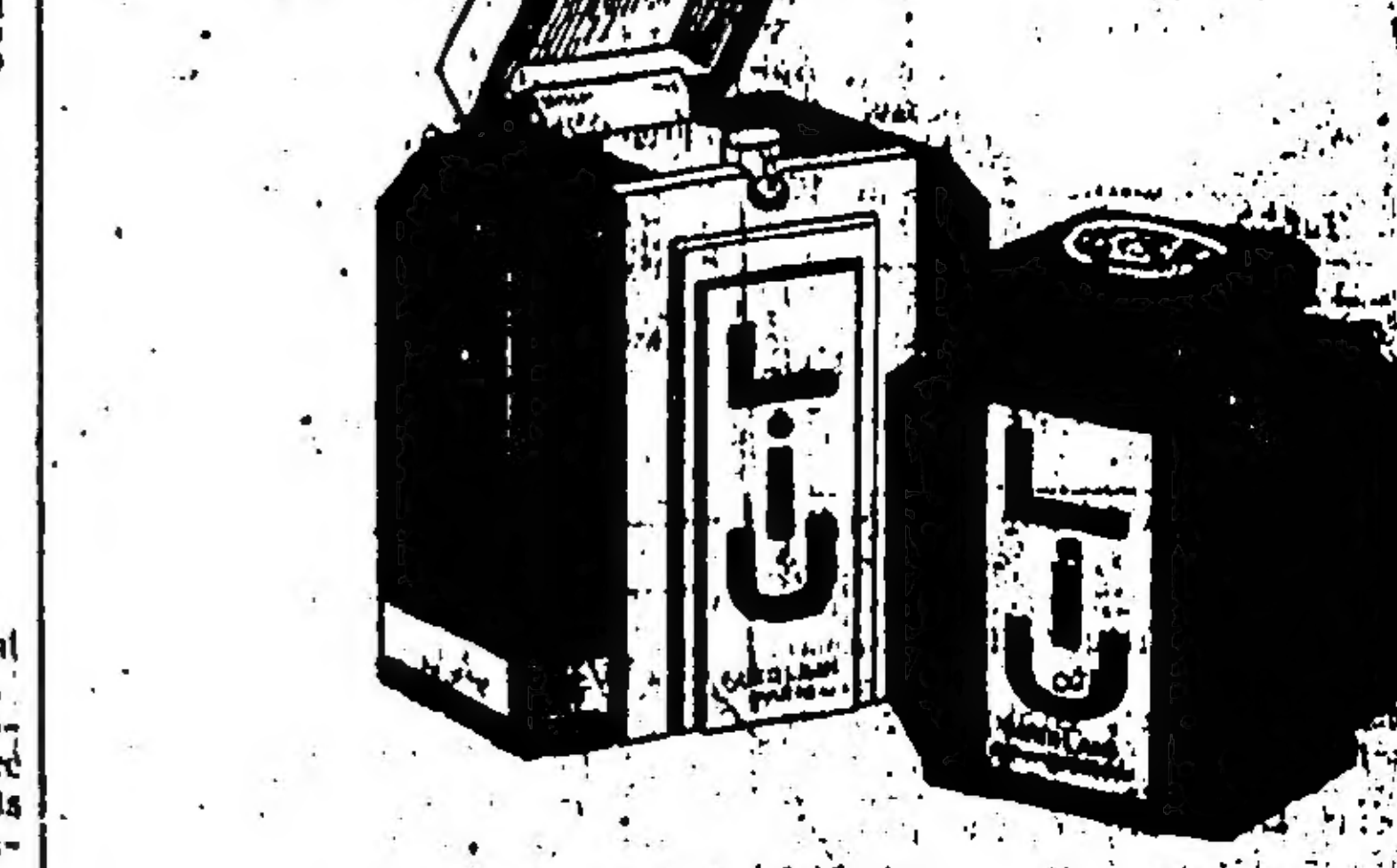
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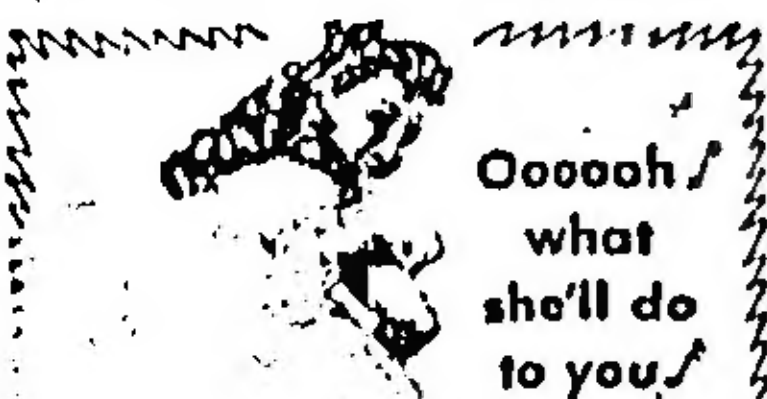
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PACIFIC CAN BE KEPT FREE FROM AGGRESSION

New York, April 26.

Herbert V. Evatt, President of the UN Assembly, said yesterday that the U.S., Australia and New Zealand can keep the Pacific area free from aggression.

The Deputy Prime Minister of Australia said this can be accomplished by raising the standards of living in the Western Pacific and South East Asia where, he declared, more than half the people of the world live under conditions that are almost intolerable.

He spoke at Anzac Day Memorial services in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Reviewing the common fight waged by the Allies during the war, Dr. Evatt said:—"In those years of common peril and common effort and sacrifice, a close indissoluble bond of comradeship was established, not only between the servicemen of Australia and New Zealand and the U.S., but also between their peoples."

"Now that victory has been gained, we have a common interest in keeping the Pacific free from future aggression and in promoting peace and prosperity by helping to raise the standards of human welfare in the regions of Western and South West Asia where more than half the people of the world live under conditions that are almost intolerable."

Dr. Evatt said it was a happy coincidence that April 25 also is the anniversary of the meeting of the San Francisco Conference of 1945 which prepared and adopted the UN charter.

"The purposes and principles of the UN are the purposes and principles for which our servicemen fought: international peace, justice and welfare," he said.

Anzac Spirit

"By remaining loyal to the UN and giving it our utmost and sincere support, we are remaining loyal to the Anzac spirit," Dr. Evatt said. "The very

name 'Anzac'—formed by the initials of the words 'Australian and New Zealand Army Corps'—indicates the close relations and kinship of the two Dominions of the Southern Pacific—in peace as in war our two peoples stand together in comradeship and common endeavour."

Wreaths in memorial to the war dead of Australia and New Zealand were placed on the Commemorative table by Lieutenant-Colonel Norman D. Carlyon, who was military assistant to General Sir Thomas Blaney, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Military forces throughout World War II. The wreaths were placed on behalf of Sir Thomas and of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia.

Others who took part in the service included Norman V. Minkin, Australian Ambassador to the U.S., R. W. Woodward, Consul-General of New Zealand in New York, and the Reverend Alan Walker, adviser to the Australian delegation at the UN.—Associated Press.

Vandenberg Appeals To Soviet Russia

New York, April 25.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, leading Republican adviser on foreign affairs, tonight appealed to Soviet Russia to reverse its present foreign policy in the interests of world peace.

"Greater in its effect than our whole storehouse of atom bombs would be an announcement tonight—backed by deeds to give it some belated semblance of reality—that Moscow seeks to heal the East-West breach in world relations, that Communism is really to drop its plans for external conquest and subversion," Mr. Vandenberg said.—Reuter.

ALY, RITA HOPE TO MARRY SOON

Cannes, April 26.

Prince Aly Khan and Rita Hayworth hope to be married in about three weeks, but have not yet set a definite day, a source close to the couple said yesterday.

The couple are staying at Prince Aly Khan's chateau near Cannes. The wedding is expected to be held at the chateau with a large group of famous persons present.—Associated Press.

Ready To Present Chinese Opera

An English-dialogue Chinese opera, "The Prince Who Loved Too Much" will be presented by the Wah Yan Dramatic Society next week at the Wah Yan College.

The opera will run for six consecutive nights beginning on May 3.

The Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham will attend the performance on the second night.

"The Prince Who Loved Too Much" is based on a Chinese story which has humour, pathos and the magic for which the Chinese theatre is famous.

Wah Yan Dramatic Society operas have become increasingly popular in the Colony. The operas are presented completely in Chinese style with gorgeous costumes against a background of vivid scenery.

The gestures and movements are of the authentic Chinese stage, actors and actresses being instructed by professionals.

Though they move, dance and sing as in a Chinese theatre, they speak and sing in English.

The Wah Yan Dramatic Society's last production, "The Lady Warrior" was such a success that arrangements had been made to film it.

This has however been postponed until Technicolor cameras are available.

Although the booking for next week's opera does not open until tomorrow, one local resident has already reserved 40 tickets.



Seals may be booked by ringing 23373 or 25540. From Friday they may also be booked at the entrance hall of the King's Theatre.

The curtain rises at 8.30 p.m. daily.

SUPPORT OF U.S. PEOPLE FOR PACT

Washington, April 26.

Three former high Government officials today urged the American people to get behind the North Atlantic security pact as an essential emergency measure to prevent war with Soviet Russia.

The officials were the former Supreme Court Justice Mr. Owen Roberts, the former Secretary of War, Mr. Robert Patterson, and the former Undersecretary of State, Mr. William Clayton.

Their views were set forth in an open letter to the American people, made public by the Atlantic Union Committee of which Mr. Roberts is President and Mr. Patterson and Mr. Clayton Vice-Presidents.

Pointing out that the pact was opposed by some who feared it might divide the world into two camps, the letter said: "Whenever the democracies have been afraid to acknowledge the fundamental division between dictatorship and democracy, the delay permitted the dictatorships to pick off the democracies one by one, as Hitler did."

Urging all Americans to ask their Senators to ratify the pact quickly, the letter said the delay in approval will encourage Russia and discourage nations resisting Russian aggression.

It said the Atlantic Union Committee did not consider the Atlantic Pact a guarantee of permanent peace and urged President Truman to call a meeting of the pact sponsors for the purpose of discussing the advantages of forming within the United Nations a union "like the union of our own 48 States."—United Press.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.52 p.m.—Band of the Irish Guards.

1.00 p.m.—Songs of the Past.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Orchestral Selections from the Opera.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

4.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—The Richard Tauber Programme. With the Melachro Orchestra and Guest Henry Holt (BBC).

7.00 p.m.—Record Round-About: Variety Request Programme. Presented by Jean Halliday (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—"Ladies Please". A Talk by Robin Kelly (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—London Studio Melodies, Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paul Green and Steve Conway (BBC).

9.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

9.10 p.m.—Bright Concert Hall. The New London Orchestra. Conducted by Alec Sherman (BBC).

9.20 p.m.—Introduction to the "Greatest" (Hollywood): Symphony No. 1 (Beethoven): Lamentation and Triumph of Tasso: Symphonies.

10.10 p.m.—"Anthology". Presented by Clifford Davies (Studio).

10.40 p.m.—Dance to Glenn Miller and His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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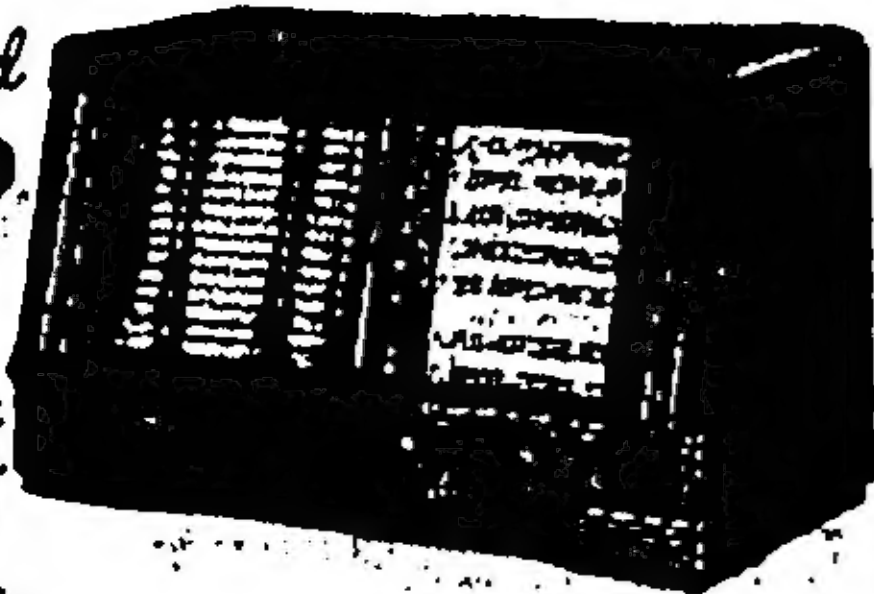
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CLAY POINTS TO THE "ONLY WAY TO PEACE"

PEACE-- A MAGIC WORD

New York, April 24. The "Herald Tribune" editorial today said "Peace is a magic word for millions. For some convinced pacifists, war is one supreme evil. They hold that every wrong in human society can be combated by weapons of mind and spirit and overlook the fact that a modern State can and will use its physical power to exterminate dissidents."

"Hitler attempted it. He was checked and overthrown by a greater force but it was not the force of unarmed goodwill."

"The Soviet Union has physical power and has used it for similar ends. The Chinese Communists, although they have allies in China's centuries-old corruption and abuses, march with weapons not kill men's bodies. Yet men in Paris talk of a peace and Communists around the world have taken peace as the watchword for their belatedly. The Communists have the advantage in their fight for their brand of peace in that they acknowledge no inconsistency so long as it serves their turn."

"The West has performed acknowledged frankly it hopes to find peace through military defenses. It does not want war or conquest—it has liquidated its past conquests at a revolutionary rate. But it will not submit to conquest nor need it sit supine before Communists who cry peace in their hearts."—United Press.

BRITISH DEMAND TO RUSSIANS

Berlin, April 25. British Headquarters today demanded that the Russians release a British officer and four soldiers captured after shots were fired last Friday along the Soviet Zone border.

A spokesman said the Britons were on patrol in the Ratzburg region when they were fired on by Russians. They did not return the fire and surrendered to Soviet custody.—United Press.

New York, April 25. The only sure way to peace lies in the formation of an association of the free nations of Western Europe, including Germany, General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor in Germany, said today. He said this in a message to members of the Associated Press, who were holding their annual meeting here today.

"The forming of an association of the free nations of Western Europe, with Germany integrated therein, will create lasting stability in Europe and will not only end the threat of Communist expansion but will make it difficult for the Communist front to keep intact," he said.

"It is the only sure way to peace," he declared. Reviewing the four years of the Military Government in Germany, General Clay's message said, "By late 1947, it was certain that an agreement with the Soviet Government for a unified Germany could come about only under conditions which would be favourable to a Communist domination of its political life and economic resources."

The German Government under a more liberal occupation statute was proposed to the German Parliament Council by the United States, Britain and France, in the hope of a better understanding necessary to draw West Germany into a close association with the nations of Western Europe. The Military Government would cease with the establishment of a West German Government, he said.

"Helping Hand" "A Western German Government can develop in the democratic tradition only as it is given the right to associate with nations which have long traditions of democratic government and it can form such an association readily under the guiding hands of a civilian High Commission."

"The time for punitive measures has ended. Goodwill and a helping hand are needed not only to create the new Government but to make it feel that it is wanted back in the comity of free nations as quickly as it has demonstrated its own will to be free."

General Clay said it is unfortunate that the West German Government was not established last June, when the Western Allies first agreed to it in principle. The police costs at present \$25,000,000 to \$28,000,000 a year. The Committee reported that it regards the number of resignations from the police as serious.

"It is unquestionably essential that the deficiencies should be made good," it said.

The most frequent explanation for the unsatisfactory state of police strength—blame poor pay and housing, the report added. "The organization and technique of modern criminals, their use of cars, and their increased tendency to carry firearms, have all added to the difficulties and dangers attached to preventing crimes and capturing criminals," it said.—Reuter.

Police Pay May Be Increased

London, April 25. British police pay increases costing £3,800,000 to £4,000,000 a year, apart from their effect on future pensions, are recommended in a Parliamentary Committee report, issued here tonight.

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POLICY PLEASES

Manila, April 25. According to a cable received by the office of the President, the Philippine's chief executive's recent statement on Australia's white immigration policy which he gave to Denis A. Warner, correspondent of the Australian Associated Press in Baguio, has received widespread and favourable publicity in Australia.

The President's remarks were described as fair-minded comments.—Reuter.



Swedish beauties, seen through a Mirror, make last-minute preparations before competing in a beauty contest—a regular feature at the National Dance Hall, Stockholm. The contest also includes an event for amateur photographers who are awarded a prize for the best photograph of the beauty contest winner. Seen on left of mirror is competitor Zoylla Renneholm and at right, Rose Talmon (applying eye black).—AP Photo.

"Operation Trident" Veiled By Secrecy

London, April 25. A top-secret preview of naval "atom age" warfare opened at Greenwich Naval College, London, today before the most important peace-time gathering of British, Commonwealth and United States service chiefs ever assembled in Britain.

The study, known as "Operation Trident" and due to last five days, was held behind heavily-guarded doors surrounded by stricter security measures than prevailed on many wartime occasions.

Only the barest outline has been divulged publicly of what some 400 or more high-ranking officers, scientists and "Back Room Boys" will hear and see in a series of lectures and demonstrations dealing with the future defence of the British Commonwealth and its ability to wage war.

All the weapons, tactics, strategies and ideas which could be applied in the defence of Commonwealth supply routes and future sea warfare will be reviewed.

Senior British naval officers from all overseas stations joined military and Air Force representatives in a study of the exercises which will all be open to a delegation of high-ranking United States officers and technical experts who have come here specially for the occasion.

Realistic Scenes Apart from talks by specialists, the study is being conducted by means of films and staged settings as well as models representing sea battles.

Months of rehearsal have made a number of British naval officers word perfect to play parts in stage scenes produced with all the skill and realism of the professional theatre.

Destroyer officers, muffled to the eyes in Arctic clothing, stand spotlighted on a mock warship bridge "in action" against submarines attacking a convoy in an Atlantic storm.

Air Force officers in all their flying gear sit at the "controls" of their reconnaissance flying boat.

Assembly To End Rump Meet Soon

Lake Success, April 25. The General Assembly is expected to finish its "Rump" session in about a fortnight, probably leaving unsolved the problems of the Italian colonies, Spain, the treatment of Indians in South Africa and the admission of Israel into the United Nations.

Observers doubt whether the session will settle the fate of Italy's former colonies. The Assembly may appoint a Nations Specialized Agency, but it is doubtful whether the Assembly will approve a renewal of Ambassadorial relations.

It is likely that the Assembly will grant Spain the right to join the United Nations. The Assembly may also appoint a Nations Specialized Agency, but it is doubtful whether the Assembly will approve a renewal of Ambassadorial relations.

Little more than a re-affirmation of the Assembly's appeal to South Africa and India to settle their differences by conciliation is expected, while a movement is growing among the delegations to postpone the question of Israel's application until September and to await more concrete guarantees from Israel on the international situation of Jerusalem and the problem of the 600,000 Arab refugees.—Reuter.

QUAKE IN CHILE

Santiago de Chile, April 25. A strong earth tremor shook Northern Chile today, according to information given by the State Telegraphs Administration. The quake occurred at about 3.00 p.m. (B.S.T.), and the localities most seriously affected are believed to be the ports of Iquique and Arica. No casualties have resulted so far. On the night of Tuesday Wednesday last, a wide area of Central Chile was shaken by a serious earthquake, which killed 50 people and injured over 100.—Reuter.

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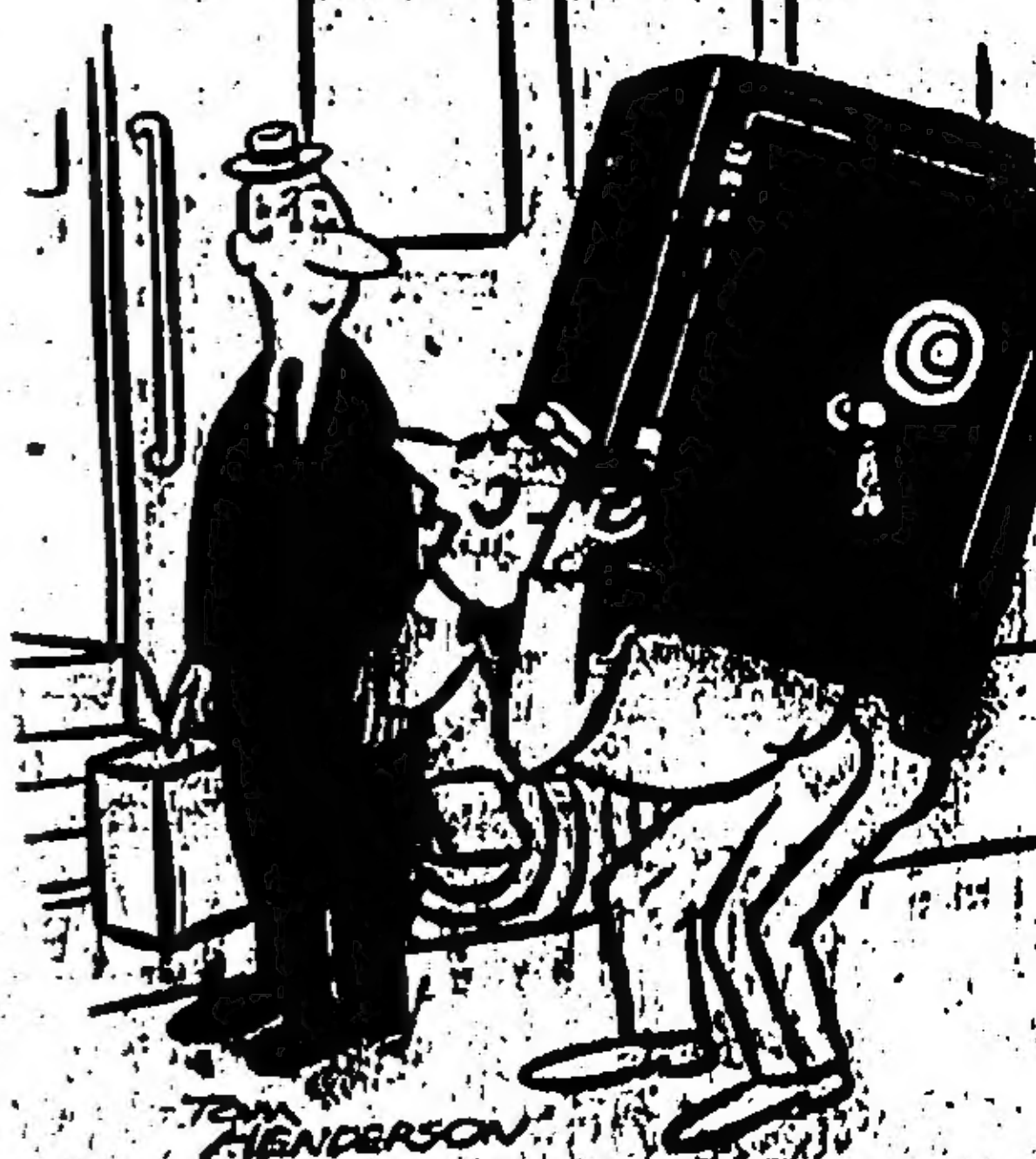
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COMMUNISTS VIOLATE U.S. ENVOY'S RESIDENCE

Washington, April 25.

The State Department today instructed its Military Attache in Nanking to lodge a vigorous protest with the Chinese Communist military authorities against the violation of the American Ambassador's residence there earlier today.

KLM Suspends Air Service To Shanghai

The Hague, April 25. The Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) announced today the suspension of their service from Batavia to Shanghai because of the unsettled situation in China.

The suspension will not affect the service to Singapore and Bangkok along the same route.—Reuter.

DISASTER IN CHINA COMPLETE

Washington, April 25. The latest view of the State Department on the situation in China is that there is now no military reason why the Communist armies cannot penetrate in a very short time to any point of South China.

An assessment by State Department officials, made privately but now leaking into the American press, is that the disaster to the forces of the Chinese Government is complete and irretrievable, and that the responsibility for failure rests squarely upon the incompetence and lack of leadership of the Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The Chinese Government is regarded as having lost the confidence of the Chinese people, abandoned American aid and displayed the grossest and most incompetent leadership given to any people in history.

Defenders of the policy of the United States Government in recent years argue that the failure is that of the Chinese Government and not of the United States.

They point out that the United States Government has provided more than \$2,000 million worth of aid to the Chinese Government since the end of the war with Japan in 1945.—Reuter.

HITLER'S YACHT

Valetta, April 25. Hitler's motor yacht, Grille, now owned by a British-born Syrian textile millionaire, Mr. George Arida, has arrived here on a pleasure cruise to New York.

The Nazi insignia on an eagle and the swastika are still visible beneath the gleaming white paint of the yacht. It will stay here for a week after which Mr. Arida, who is on board, plans to go on to New York by easy stages.—Reuter.



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The State Department confirmed press reports that the Ambassador's home had been violated and gave details of the Chinese Communist action as they were received in telegrams from the American Embassy in Nanking.

The Department said: "Upon receipt of the information regarding the entry of Chinese Communist soldiers into the Ambassador's residence in Nanking, the Department immediately instructed the Embassy to have the United States Military Attache make a vigorous protest to the Chinese Communist military authorities."

The Embassy's telegram said: "The Ambassador's residence was violated by 12 armed Communist soldiers, who went to the Ambassador's room and entered. The Ambassador, Dr. Leighton Stuart, was not quite awake at that hour and their appearance in his bedroom was something of a shock."

"While they did not threaten him, the first to enter the room spoke in loud and angry tones. Those that followed were more civil and said that they had come to look around. They wandered about the bedroom, inspecting its contents and making remarks to the effect that all this would eventually go to the people, to whom it should belong anyway."

The telegram said the soldiers entered other rooms, threatened the people in them with their guns and inspected the contents.

Foreign Ministers To Meet

London, April 25.

Invitations have now been despatched to ten Governments to attend a conference of Foreign Ministers on the draft statute for a Council of Europe, to be held in London on May 3.

The Foreign Ministers of the five Western Union powers, with those of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Italy and Elze are expected to attend.

They will consider the draft prepared in London last month by the Ambassadors of the ten powers.

The Ambassadors working on the basis of a draft prepared by the Brussels Treaty Permanent Commission reached general agreement, but certain relatively minor points still await settlement by the Foreign Ministers.

The first Council of Europe is expected to be convened in Strasbourg next August.—Reuter.

NO VISA FOR ZILLIACUS

New York, April 25. The British left wing Member of Parliament, Mr. Konni Zilliacus, and M. Pierre Cot, independent Member of the French National Assembly, will not be allowed visas to enter the United States, the State Department said today.

Mr. Henry Wallace, leader of the American Progressive Party, had appealed to the Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, to allow the two men to join him on a "peace tour" of the United States.

A State Department spokesman said here today that the American Consuls in London and Paris were advised by wire on Saturday that the two men are not admissible under the immigration laws of the United States.—Reuter.

ENTIRE FAMILY MEET DEATH

Corbridge, Tennessee, April 25. Ten persons, including an entire family, were killed when a fast freight train crashed into a lorry at a level crossing at Gordonville, about seven miles from here.

All in the lorry were killed. They were on their way home from church.—Reuter.

London, April 25. Their Majesties the King and Queen will tomorrow celebrate the 26th anniversary of their wedding. There will be a small family luncheon party at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

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Crew members and company personnel of Canadian Pacific Airlines are pictured here just after they arrived on a survey flight from Vancouver by way of Tokyo and Shanghai on Monday. "China Mail" photo.

Israel Ready To Sign Treaties With Arabs

Washington, April 25.

At a press conference today, President Chaim Weizmann of Israel disclaimed territorial ambitions for his country beyond its present boundaries.

Reminded that various Arab leaders had expressed fear of potential Israeli expansion, Dr. Weizmann told reporters that his Government is perfectly willing to sign not only non-aggression pacts but peace treaties with its Arab neighbours.

Denying territorial ambitions, he said: "We have plenty of work within our borders. Why should we put our heads elsewhere?"

He then said the doors of Israel are open to individual Arabs who wish to return to the nation and who will conform to the country's laws. He emphasised, however, that he is not advocating repatriation.

"This would only create for us a minority problem which would renew old frictions," he said.

He added that the Jews are anxious to resettle Arab refugees in Arab countries, citing Mesopotamia one of the best places for resettlement.

He blamed the flight of Arabs on promises of their leaders that if they abandoned Palestine they could return later and reclaim their own property and Jewish property as well.

Israel's Plans

"They gave false hopes of gold mountains," he said.

Asked if he discussed Israel's problems with President Truman, with whom he lunched earlier today, Dr. Weizmann said: "We did not go deeply into any matter."

He said there was no discussion of economic assistance to Israel; but added that Mr. Truman had asked him about Israeli development plans and relations with neighbouring states.

President Weizmann said he told Mr. Truman of Israel's hopes and plans for development. Asked what he thought is the Israeli population's saturation point, Dr. Weizmann said the depends entirely on the country's development.—United Press.

GRIMSBY SETS A RECORD

Grimsby, April 25.

Thirty-one anglers landed enough fish here today to provide half a pound a head for 7,000,000 people.

A Ministry of Food official described the total as a world record supply for one day.—Reuter.

Fiasco Of Policy On Far East

New York, April 25.

The Communist victories in China mark not only a defeat for the West which in this case means primarily the United States, but the fiasco of its entire Far Eastern policy, the New York "Times" said in a leading article today.

"For that fiasco many elements are responsible, not the least among them being the failures of the Chinese Government itself," the "Times" said. "Our own policy was based on fatal miscalculations which led from efforts to support and co-operate with the Communists to aid to the National Government that was too little and too late to prolong the civil war without deciding it, until now we have arrived at a Micawber policy of waiting for something to turn up to clear our cause."

"The American people would seem to be entitled to much more information on the basis of our policy than they have had so far, and it would likewise seem in order to take far more effective steps to insure a Communist victory in China than now appear to be included in any Government plan."—Reuter.

AND IT CAME

Rome, April 25. Prayers were said in Rome's more than 400 churches yesterday for rain—and rain came.

It broke the greatest Italian drought in 30 years. Because of it, electricity has been rationed throughout Italy.—Associated Press.

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UNDERGROUND WAR AGAINST RUSSIA

From G. D. K. McCORMICK

Early last year an urgent call went to trusted key Russian agents throughout the world—"Round up all White Russians."

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1. That the Politburo in Moscow was extremely worried at the extent of anti-communist movements among Russians abroad;

2. That they wanted to lure as many of these Russians as possible back to Russia;

3. To make a complete check-up on the activities of those remaining.

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The Bishop's Battle With The Spivs

By GUY RAMSEY

For the first time since its creation the Church of England is preaching a crusade. Not like the military miracles of Richard of the Lion Heart, against the Heathen in Jerusalem, but against the Heathen on our own doorstep.

In fact, against you and me. You and me, that is, if we are infected with the current philosophy of Materialism.

Now, Materialism today is confused almost blindly with Marxism, with Russian Communism; but Materialism is a much bigger thing, and a much older thing, than Marxism, or even than its 200,000,000 fanatical disciples.

Materialism is the philosophy of the spiv, the creed of the cheat, the doctrine of the man who says, "You go to hell—I'm all right."

It is a doctrine and a creed that has been prevalent in the world for as long as humanity; but a doctrine which today is more widespread than ever before in countries styling themselves Christian.

Against that Materialism, whether politically organised as by the Kremlin or personally exploited by the ordinary chap who tries to get half a pound of butter "off the ration," there is, in the ultimate, only one effective force in Europe: and that is the force of the Christian Church.

One of the Christian Churches—the one which, traditionally, has been regarded as the least dynamic: the Church of England—has suddenly launched into action.

It is concerning itself not so much with those who have never heard of Christ, in the dark places of Africa but those who, having heard of Him, disregard Him, in the bright places of London.

London, the last bastion of freedom during the war, is the target for today.

Two Parts

The Mission will occupy the last fortnight in May. It is divided into two distinct parts, and for the first part an enormous amount of preparatory work will be done from the end of April.

What will happen in this? Every house in the Diocese of London—occupied by Athletes, Roman Catholics, Jews, Arabs, Dissenters, Christians, Scientists, or nominal C. of E. folk, whether practising or not—will be canvassed by laymen and laywomen of the local parishes.

Their message to the householders will be: "I bear a message from the Bishop of London, and an invitation from the Bishop of London. Are you interested?" They will leave the message, which announces the Mission.

The Diocese of London, for the purpose of the Mission, has been divided into 150 areas; the Diocese runs North of the river only—North as Edinburg, as far South as Devon, to take on the task.

On Saturday, May 14, the 150

payment of an incentive bonus based on time studies, close consultation between workers and management and published details of the daily earnings enabled one firm to increase the output per man-hour by between 20 and 44 per cent. In the process, costs of production were reduced by 10 to 14 per cent and the workers' earnings increased by up to 40 per cent.

This is typical of many instances which could be quoted, and there is no doubt that highly successful attempts have at last been made to set British industry in line with anything in America or elsewhere. The question still exists, however, as to the overall success of the scheme. For excellence of quality, the United Kingdom may still lead the world, but whether she can deliver the goods, on time, in sufficient quantities, and at competitive cost, remains to be seen. She cannot compare with the enormous mass production of America, and it is there that her main currency deficit lies. The Socialist government is currently blowing the trumpet of the normally despised private enterprise, but the industrialists themselves are, more wisely, reserving their opinion.

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DEATH

GUTTERES—DA LUZ. Mrs. Josefa Gutierrez da Luz (Fina) 64 years, formerly of Shanghai, at Macao, after a prolonged illness on 26th April 1949. (by cable). (Shanghai papers please copy)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. R. Forster desires to thank the doctors and members of the staff of the Queen Mary Hospital for their attendance on the late Capt. W. Forster. Thanks to friends for flowers at the funeral.

BIRTH

REUBEN—to Henriette, wife of Ellis S. Reuben, on Monday, April 25th 1949, at St. Theresa's Hospital, Kowloon, the gift of a son.

CAN BRITAIN DO IT?

As the delegations from overseas arrive in London for the British Industries Fair, they will inevitably be faced, not only with the problem of selling their own products, but with the basic question of the productivity of Britain itself. They will be admitted to be afforded the opportunity of inspecting first-class manufactures, often better than can be obtained elsewhere in the world—usually available only for export. They know the working man at home, as well as the manufacturer, has made a gargantuan effort to expand sales abroad, in a courageous effort to survive without foreign aid. The inescapable query of whether Britain can really do it will, however, arise in most minds.

For the time being she can only produce more by increased efficiency. The population is almost fully employed, while the scope for transference from low to high productivity industries is limited, for example, by the lack of housing accommodation. The greatest attention is therefore, now being given to raising productivity. This, however, is nothing new. Improvement of productivity and working methods have always been taking place. What is happening now is that the most urgent need of the time—eliminating the dollar deficit—has emphasised the necessity for wider and more intensified efforts. This effort has to spread everywhere and not be restricted to individual firms and industries.

The organisations representing industrialists and workers have therefore joined forces in a campaign to bring home to the British people the need for raising the output per worker.

The minimum objective is to raise the British industrial output by 2½ per cent yearly between now and 1952. Though the Government is not directly involved in the active campaign it is, and has been for some time, vitally concerned with increasing productivity. More than a year ago a committee on industrial productivity was set up to advise it on measures most likely to give quick results.

In industry itself there is great activity to raise the output by improved methods. A growing number of firms are getting together to solve their common problems; some industries are publishing reports and recommendations for improvements.

An example of what has already been achieved in British industry will show some of the methods being used to raise productivity. Improvement in its factory layout, together with the

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A Shining Mountain In Africa

By DEREK MARKS

Before he enters the exclusive Nairobi Club for his "sundowner" at the end of the day's work, the Kenya businessman sometimes stops for a moment to refresh himself with a glimpse of distant, snow-capped Kilimanjaro.

On a clear day the mountain, which lies 180 miles away in Tanganyika, is clearly visible from the top of the hill which dominates Kenya's capital.

Lately, however, the sight of Kilimanjaro—"the shining mountain"—has served only as a reminder of the problem which is steadily eating away the confidence of the Britons who have made East Africa their home, and on whose labours the entire prosperity of the territories is based.

Ever since the United Nations Trusteeship Council mission visited Tanganyika and recommended the limitation of European settlement, anxiety has been growing throughout the whole of British East Africa.

It is the fashion to-day to sneer at "Empire builders" like the Kenya settler I know who lived for the two years of the slump on beans and "posho," or ground maize eaten by Africans.

Yet it is only as a result of their guts and determination that Britain still commands the vitally important strategic bases in East Africa—the ports of Mombasa and Dar es Salaam and the vast supply depot of MacKinnon road.

Fearful of Britain's apathy, the settler is at last setting about the creation of a united European front.

Already plans are being laid for a "round table" conference in Nairobi among all the European states from here to the Cape, to bring to fruition what Field Marshal Smuts called the white backbone of Africa.

There is, however, one danger which the people in Britain would do well to heed. Mr. E. A. Vasey, one of Kenya's leading statesmen, has given warning that he could not advise his electors to enter into federation with Tanganyika unless Kenya was satisfied that the policy of the Government of Tanganyika was to encourage the establishment of white settlement as successfully as had been the case in Kenya.

This can only be interpreted as meaning that, unless the position in Tanganyika is strengthened by support from Britain, the territory will be cut off from its sister states in Africa.

Apart from their moral interest, the people of Britain have a major financial interest in the future of Tanganyika. Millions of pounds have been sunk in the under-cover activities of American intelligence.

This trade was directed against Constantine Boldyreff, 44-year-old son of a White Russian general, who is one of the leaders of N.T.S. Rescued by the Americans after he had led a band of some few thousands of D.P.'s inside Germany, he is now a key man in the movement.

A significant feature of the N.T.S., and one which suggests that it is genuine and not a canonical flag organisation for ex-war criminals and pro-Fascists, is that its membership is 100 per cent Russian.

Not Foreign Inspired

"We want to kill the rumour, so sedulously spread by Moscow, that this is a foreign inspired party. We welcome allies, but if we are to succeed we must be an all-Russian party devoted exclusively to rescuing Russia from the Soviet yolk," I was told.

I have investigated a good many anti-communist parties in the last few years, but N.T.S. is one of the few which stand the test of reliability. It would be ridiculous to imagine that they are in any position to force a revolt inside Russia—the Secret Police are much too ruthless to give any chance of that, but they constitute the party best able to tackle any revolt that might come.

Certainly theirs is incomparably better a movement than that of the Free Germans inside Germany in the war. Its programme has a true democratic ring about it, and more important, it is practically aimed at appealing to a people who have lived under the advantages as well as the disadvantages of Communist rule.

An American diplomat, giving an independent opinion on N.T.S., told me recently: "They have given us a lot of useful information which we have carefully sifted. If you want to know why President Truman spoke of a rift within the Politburo, the answer is that much of what he said is based on our own inquiries following disclosure by N.T.S."

It is no exaggeration to say that today the whole future of the British in East Africa is in the melting pot.

Do the British people know that the African members of Tanganyika's Legislative Council, encouraged by the United Nations and drunk with the prospect of power over their own people, have declared: "The sooner the Europeans get out of Tanganyika, the better!"

It is no exaggeration to say that today the whole future of the British in East Africa is in the melting pot.

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Accommodation for refugees in Hong Kong, says our Shanghai Consul-General "must necessarily be of an austere character"—unless of course they can bring a few (censored) out with them to cover the keymoney (quite open).

All these jumping suicides are a matter of gravity....

Germany wants to buy Japanese splines and weaving machines. Another tangled web in the offing.

With capitalist countries its everyone for himself and devil-take-the-hindmost, but the "people's democracies" just Communist.

When Americans talk of an "atomic peace" they are just flatterers.

More than Communist ask Alcatraz! Captains hate Kal Tak.

Credit where credit is due, US\$500,000,000 of other people's money would make anyone entitled to be known as the "gangsterissimo."

Spirit of Ancient Greece As late I walked the street by night

A pallid ghost I met He bore a lantern in his hand, and Looked a bit upset. It seemed he'd sought some land-lord long

Who had not tried to get Colossal cushions for his keys... I guess he's searching yet!

At any rate government didn't use a whip to drive out the money-changers. Just exercised the whip-hand a little.

To a correspondent.—Sorry we can't Y's crack about the room rentals in your institution. You'll get better amenities in a luxury hotel for the same rate...very moving.

At Buddhist friend of mine admiring the piffling etc. at Pokhram said that we British are more Buddhist than we believe in our love of animals. Otherwise why would we allocate all the finest and most salubrious building sites in the colony, with the best views, to our dumb brethren?

A rainbow is reported in Shanghai. The other end is in Formosa.

American military manoeuvres in Germany are fully equipped with an alluring female radio voice. "Aggressor Aggie" who says the morale of the G.I.'s with autosuggestions.

The Russians are reported looking for somebody to play "Capitalist Kate" or "Reactionary Rita" or maybe just plain "Bourgeois Bessie"....

Looting in Nanking should prove to Long capitalistic crooks. Best to move your stuff through Cook's (free advt.)

The Aim sublime This Hungarian habit of forcing air down clergymen's throats to get them to talk has somehow a Mikado's ring to it. I mean the Mikado of Gilbert, not the overlord of the Gendarme, as you might have first thought.

FULL AGREEMENT ON NEW GERMAN STATE

Republic To Operate Within Next Few Weeks

Frankfurt, April 25.

The Western Allies and German political leaders today reached full and final agreement on a Constitution for the new West German Federal Republic.

The terms were hammered out by the three Allied Military Governors and 17 German representatives from the Bonn Constituent Assembly, which has for eight months been seeking an agreement on a Constitution acceptable to the Allies.

The agreement completes the framework for the proposed West German State and its actual creation, including democratic elections, may now be only a matter of weeks.

The basis of today's discussions was a compromise proposal drafted by the Germans within 48 hours of receiving a note from the Allied Military Governors last Friday, offering to discuss terms within which to frame the Constitution.

The agreement, announced by the American Military Governor, General Lucius D. Clay, is still subject to official approval by the Bonn Assembly and by the Allied Governments, but these endorsements are regarded as hardly more than a formality.

All three Communist parties at Bonn were represented at today's meeting. The Allied Governors gave their approval to the latest German proposal for the distribution of financial and legislative powers between the Federal Government and the States with only minor modifications.

Another danger to the drafting plans is believed to have been removed at private talks among the Germans during the second interval of nearly six hours conference.

They are understood to have reached agreement on outstanding points concerning churches and schools, eliminating the risk that reservations in this sphere might break the compromise on other problems.

Council's Powers

A political adviser accompanied each of the three Allied Military Governors at the meeting. With General Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor, was Mr. Christopher Steele, his political adviser, with General Clay was Mr. Robert Murphy, chief of the German section of the State Department, and with General Pierre Koenig, French Military Governor, was M. Je Sauvages, a French Foreign Office official now in charge of the French Liaison Mission at Bonn.

Details of the final compromise drawn up by the German politicians were sent to the Military Governors before the meeting.

At one stage the Germans refused for an hour to prepare an answer to the objections raised by the Governors to certain points in the compromise proposals.

Points on which the Allied representatives asked for clarification included particularly the powers of the Federal Council. They also sought information on the purpose of a clause allowing a re-distribution of State taxes by Federal law on a basis of local need instead of local yield.

General Sir Brian Robertson greeted the full and final agreement as a historic stage in the relations between the occupying powers and the German people.

General Clay forecast the setting up of a new Republic by the middle of July. With its birth, the Allied Military Governments will be withdrawn, and, in the words of the three-power Washington

declaration, Allied control will become mainly supervisory.

General Clay said: "It can be expected that the Constitution, as passed by the Parliamentary Assembly, will be ready by May 15. They should have a Government by the middle of July."

By July

General Clay said the text of the Constitution will be made public by both the German representatives and the Military Governors in two or three days after translations have been made.

It will be up to the Germans to decide their electoral laws. He did not know what methods the Germans would select for ratifying the Constitution.

He said the Main Committee at Bonn had expressed the hope that it could hold elections for the new Government Assembly by July 15. The Assembly would then have the responsibility of setting up the new "Federal Republic of Germany."

Declining to disclose details of today's agreement, General Clay said: "We have been doing a lot of talking today and we do not want three or four different versions of our discussions getting about until we and the Germans have had time to prepare the exact wording and translation."

Berlin will not be included in the West German State, though this may be an eventual possibility, General Clay said.

Four-Power Talks

Asked whether today's agreement closed the door to the possibility of four-power talks on Germany, General Clay said: "I do not think it particularly changes the subject as far as the talks are concerned."

Refusing to state an exact date for his retirement from Germany as Military Governor, General Clay said cautiously: "I hope to be here when the Constitution is ready by May 15. It was not an easy meeting, but it resulted in a happy solution for all concerned."

General Sir Brian Robertson stated tonight that both the major German parties had made concessions. "It may say that the Military Governors have also been very co-operative," he added.

General Robertson asked to be excused from discussing which details in the latest German draft had been changed in today's discussion. "It was in some cases merely a matter of being sure that things expressed in another language really meant the same thing," he said.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, President of the Bonn Constituent Assembly, said tonight that the parties represented in the Assembly had reached agreement on all outstanding questions. "We all had to make sacrifices," he told a press conference.

Occupation Statute For West Berlin

Berlin, April 25.

A draft occupation statute for the three Western sectors of Berlin was completed here today by a three-power Commission as a parallel to the statute for the Western Zones, the American-leased news agency, DENA, reported tonight.

All legislative rights conferred on the West German Länder will in Berlin be vested in the Magistrat (the Western City Administration). Berlin's currency, imports and exports, and the distribution of airlift supplies will remain under Allied control. The statute will be handed to the three Western Commandants for approval at their meeting next Thursday, the agency said.—Reuter.

Support For New German Government

Middlebury, Vermont, April 24.

Former Representative Charles LaFollette said today that the United States must support a strong central government for Western Germany if democracy were to flourish there.

Mr. LaFollette, who resigned as director of the United States Office of Military Government for Western Germany in January because of his opposition to American occupation policies, said a decentralized Germany would lack the power to nurture democracy.

He told the seventh annual Middlebury College conference a weak government was favored by an unrestricted enterprise crowd in Germany and by the most violent elements in France. "Granting that a strong government in the hands of conservatives or reactionaries might be menacing," he added, "but if democratic forces can possibly be aided, then wisdom dictates the choice of a way in which there might be a chance rather than that which seems to be hopeless."—United Press.

U.S. Doctors Up In Arms

New York, April 25.

The American Medical Association has alleged that President Truman's message to Congress on Friday, in which he outlined his national compulsory health insurance programme, contained a great deal of double talk.

A statement, issued by the A.M.A., said what the President had actually proposed "would regiment the doctor and patients alike under a vast bureaucracy." It said the adoption of the system of politically-controlled medical practice would turn back the clock of medical progress in the United States by 50 years.

"An inevitable deterioration in the quality of care which would result from the Government-herding of patients and doctors in the assembly-line medical mills would lower the standards of the healthy United States to those of sick, regimented Europe," the A.M.A. said.—Reuter.

Britain Softens Her Attitude To Franco Spain

London, April 25.

Britain has started, step by step, to soften her attitude toward Spain, diplomatic quarters here believe.

Official quarters are non-committal about developments pointing to eventual British acquiescence in receiving Spain back into the family of Western nations.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the Government's attitude is the same as outlined earlier this month by the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew.

However, other quarters point out that even Mr. Mayhew's statement represents a slight withdrawal in Britain's position that she no longer will oppose restoration of diplomatic relations with Spain.

London's two most influential newspapers, the "Times" and "Daily Telegraph," today stressed the need for closer relations with Spain in light of the cold war.

Defence Needs

At the same time, military quarters renewed pressure for widening the Atlantic Pact to include Spain with its last-ditch defence line along the Pyrenees.

Paris despatches report a similar feeling in official quarters there, that the time has come to review and revise relations with Spain, whatever her Government.

Both the French and British Governments are forced, however, to move with caution by the weight of opinion in their main supporting parties, the Socialists.—United Press.

Indictment Against Generals

Hamburg, April 25.

Indictments against three former German Army leaders—Field Marshal Von Rundstedt, aged 74, Field Marshal Fritz Von Manstein, aged 77, and Colonel General Adolf Strauss, aged 68—now awaiting trial before a British Military Court, are expected to be received here soon.

Members of the British War Crimes Unit here have had their leave stopped until the charges have been handed to the generals. The three generals were brought to Hamburg to face trial on charges of crimes against humanity last autumn, after more than three years as prisoners of war in Britain.

They have been detained in a British military hospital here. Field Marshal Walther Von Brauchitsch, who was to have been tried with them, died in custody last year. He was 67.—Reuter.

TALKS ON SEX IN SCHOOLS

Edinburgh, April 25.

Frank experimental talks on sex have proved successful in Edinburgh and Aberdeenshire schools, the National Conference on Health Education in Schools was told here today.

The Conference was asked to approve a proposal that talks on sex should be given to boys and girls in secondary schools throughout Scotland. The lessons, illustrated by films, are not merely factual recitals, delegates were told. The talks try to place the facts clearly against the background of life as a whole, with particular reference to the family as the keystone of society. The instruction scheme has the unanimous approval of the parents and lecturers report most favourably on the experiments, it was stated.—Reuter.

Athens, April 25.

Athens Radio today alleged that Soviet ships are delivering supplies for the Greek guerrilla forces at the Albanian ports of Valona and Durazzo.—Reuter.

NEW POST FOR DR. BUNCHE?

Washington, April 25.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations Mediator for Palestine, is reported to be under consideration for nomination as Assistant Secretary of State.

Informed officials say he is a likely choice as one of four new aides to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, whom Congress has been asked to authorize. Dr. Bunche is regarded as well qualified for the post of Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and African Affairs or Assistant for United Nations Affairs. But it is not known whether he has yet been approached.—Reuter.

KIDNAPPING BY RUSSIANS

Vienna, April 25.

The Austrian police reported today that men in Russian uniform had kidnapped a small, dark woman, aged about 35, from the Polish Embassy here. They said that an Austrian policeman on duty outside the Embassy reported that yesterday morning a large yellow car drove up and three men in uniform entered the Embassy.

A few minutes later they dragged out the woman, who screamed for help and fought her captors. The men put her in the car and drove off. The policeman did not interfere but asked the woman for her name. She said she was Polish but did not give her name.—Reuter.

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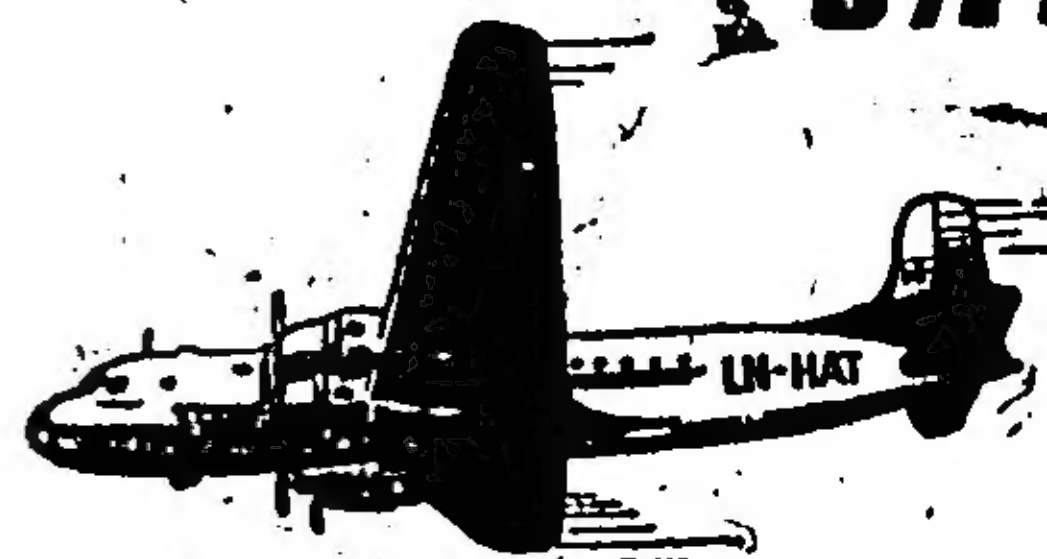
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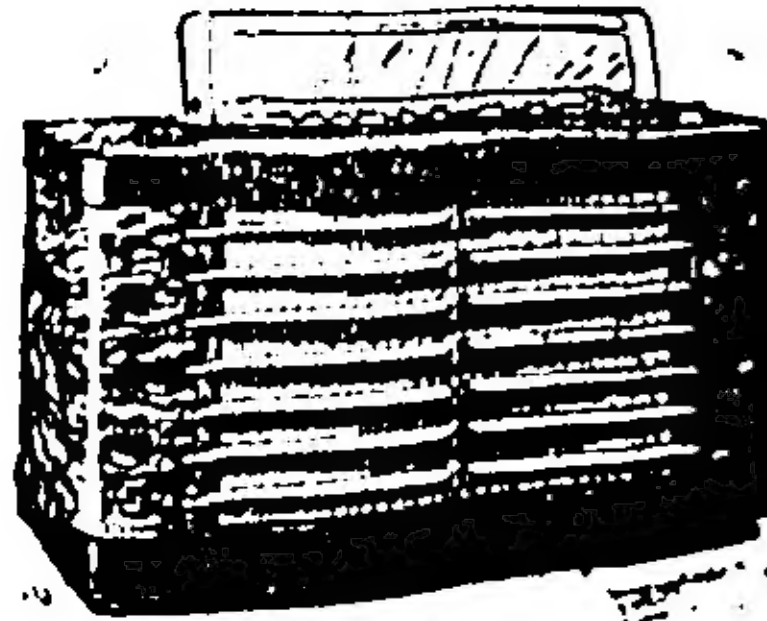
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LISTEN TO YOUR OWN VOICE

By CAROLYN EARLE.

Have you ever listened to the sound of your own voice? It can be done, even without one of those recordings that can be inexpensively made nowadays.

Just try out these sound effects. First cup a hand behind each ear, being sure to close all the fingers. Now, speak in a normal way and listen-in. When you do this, your voice sounds to you the way it sounds to other people.

Vocal experts claim that listening to yourself as you speak will tell you what kind of voice you have, and what kind of person you are.

Listed here are a guide for those who seek speech improvement are some types of voice that are classed as not altogether kind on the ears. The whispering voice: Try whispering on purpose. Then speak, is there a difference?

Check your hearing of the sound by speaking a sentence with the mouth placed two inches from a lighted candle. If your breath pushes the flame to one side, or worse, if the flame goes out, you have the whispering voice.

You have this kind of voice because you are shy, timid about speaking in a full-throated tone, and need to find out what causes you to shy away from people.

Voice Test

The "I have a cold" voice: A test is to place the fingers lightly over the end of the nose and say a sentence; now take the fingers away. The tone should be exactly the same in both cases. If it isn't, you have the "I have a cold" or nasal voice.

Of course you do not have a cold, you just sound that way.

The "raspy" voice: Prepare for a shock—it denotes laziness.

But not bone laziness; it means the throat muscles are lazy.

In this event, you are probably an excitable person, in such a hurry to get words out that you do not take time to open the throat at the back.

To correct this, yawn. Start to speak as you yawn, and if you can bear to, practice in front of a mirror.

It will give the feeling of a wide-open throat with muscles that are willing to work.

The "fence" voice is harsh and grating. Where this type of voice exists the throat is sort of moist.

It tells you that you are too keyed up, too anxious. You take yourself too seriously.

Again, yawning will help to relax as well as to open the throat, but you should also try to find out why tension exists and correct it.

Naturally Attractive

The human voice is naturally attractive, so it's quite possible you will hear a good voice—one that has a ringing sound, yet is calm and soft, without any speech affectations.

If you do, it denotes a happy person, well adjusted, and getting along nicely with everybody. For if you are happy, it is reflected in your voice, which becomes, in the words of that famous telephone advertisement, "A voice with a smile."

Good breath control is probably the most important single factor in voice production. A person speaks only as well as he breathes. It should be slow, easy, natural, and from the diaphragm, not merely from the chest.

"Shoulder breathers" leave the chest and shoulders upward when making a deep breath, but actually those parts should remain almost unchanged while the ribs expand to the inhalation and contract as you exhale.

Completely relaxed muscles permit an over-expulsion of breath as well as a smoothly flowing sound and a helpful exercise in developing control is to take a deep breath and "sing" the words of the alphabet as possible without strain.

Newest In Hats

By VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

New hats in London are headhugging and sleek. Even when they tend to width the effect is to form a frame for the face. This type of hat, too, emphasises the importance of the new style of hairdressing which is dressed close to the head with a sweep of hair concealing the ear and brought forward on the cheek.

The same may be said of the new type of cloche which, however, has all the individuality which its predecessor of the 'twenties so lamentably lacked. In those days the "cloche" might almost be said to have enveloped the head like a candle extinguisher—which, in fact, was what it looked like. The new version has width at the sides while being shallow in the crown; it is worn tilted a little back from the forehead while only a little of the back hair is visible.

A close relative of the modern cloche is the bonnet-hat, a model of which by Gaby Louise is shown here. Unlike the old-style scuttle bonnet on which this, to some extent, is modelled, it reveals the hair at the back, while still permitting the forehead fringe to be seen. This particular model, in coffee-coloured felt, has a particularly charming trimming of upsway feathers shaded from beige to brown.



Rose pink felt with a one-sided movement with vibrant blue taffeta ribbon trimming by Mitzel Lorenz.

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Hat For Every Face

All types of faces are catered for by designers of the new 1949 models. For instance, Mitzel Lorenz, by curving the trim into an up-turned point in front, plans a "hat for the round face," stressed by wings of ribbon; for the long face she suggests a flat two-tiered bonnet inspired by the Edwardian modeling bonnet and tied beneath the chin with tulle veiling. For the woman whose face looks best under a tilted brim a hat with an upsway at one side is suggested, with the ribbon trimming balancing the other side.

Trimming are considerably more sober, nevertheless, they are still rich and colorful. Feathers are used widely, but they are far more an integral part of the hat than they were, following the line and stressing the movement.

The whole trend is towards superlative workmanship of the kind so familiar in the first decade of this century when a hat was not only intended to set off a woman's beauty but was a headpiece of the most elaborate kind.

Evening Dress Brings Back Memories

Spectators at a dress show recently held in London were amazed to see an evening dress so reminiscent of 1929-30—that famous year, when the short chemise dress was forced to give way to the first long skirted gowns seen for more than a decade—that they rubbed their eyes.

But since the younger people in the audience had never in their lives seen anything like it, the model received a round of excited applause.

This new-old line was made with a long bodice fitted to below the hips with the skirt made of layers of tulle, each layer being cut into a series of handkerchief points. Arthur Banks, the designer, insisted that the handkerchief skirt, as it used to be called, is due for revival and that one of the reasons why it was likely to return was the introduction of tilted nylon stockings.

It was obvious, he said, that women would not wear coloured nylon if they were to be hidden beneath a long skirt; on the other hand, his "new" skirt would show them off well.

And this is not so improbable as it might sound at first hearing, for in nearly every dress collection for 1949 skirts "shaded" or cut up in some way and what other motive could there be for this than to give a glimpse of the stockings and why should women want to show off their stockings if they were not new—i.e. in tilted nylon?

London To Give Show Next Month

Overseas buyers interested in London fashions will be able to see collections on two occasions in 1949. From May 16 to 27—immediately following the British Industries Fair—there will be a London fashion display devoted to the models of wholesale manufacturers. In the last week of July there will be the usual July openings of the haute couture, led by the members of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers.

The first fashion display sponsored by Britain's Board of Trade was called the London Fashion Fortnight and was held in July 1948, for wholesale manufacturers as well as the haute couture. But now, as a result of discussions between Britain's Board of Trade and the industry the two sections will be separated to suit the convenience of both retail and wholesale buyers.

A committee under the chairmanship of a Board of Trade representative is working out details of the two shows. The committee represents principal groups in the wholesale trade, and the Secretary of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers will also be a member, so that each group will benefit from the other's experience.

Always Plenty Of Work For Red Cross Girls

British Red Cross women workers are as busy in peace as they were in war. Dressed in their neat dark blue uniforms, they carry out many new and useful activities.

They undertake, for example, to act as "sitters-in" so that busy mothers can go out and enjoy themselves now and then. They also help to staff day nurseries for babies and "under-fives".

They also organise dispensaries for those who live in agricultural camps as well as for the families who spend their annual holidays picking hops and migrate for this purpose in thousands from London to Kent for a few weeks.

They man hospital libraries, give first-aid on airfields, beaches, roads, at camps and athletic meetings. They deliver medical supplies to poor folk being nursed at home.

Another section of their work is devoted to the welfare of old people, whose lives they try to brighten by regular visits. They also serve "meals on wheels" (food from a travelling canteen) whenever there is a call for it. Their new duties, indeed, which have been enumerated in a special leaflet, prove that wherever there is a social gap to be filled by volunteers they are ready to lend a hand.

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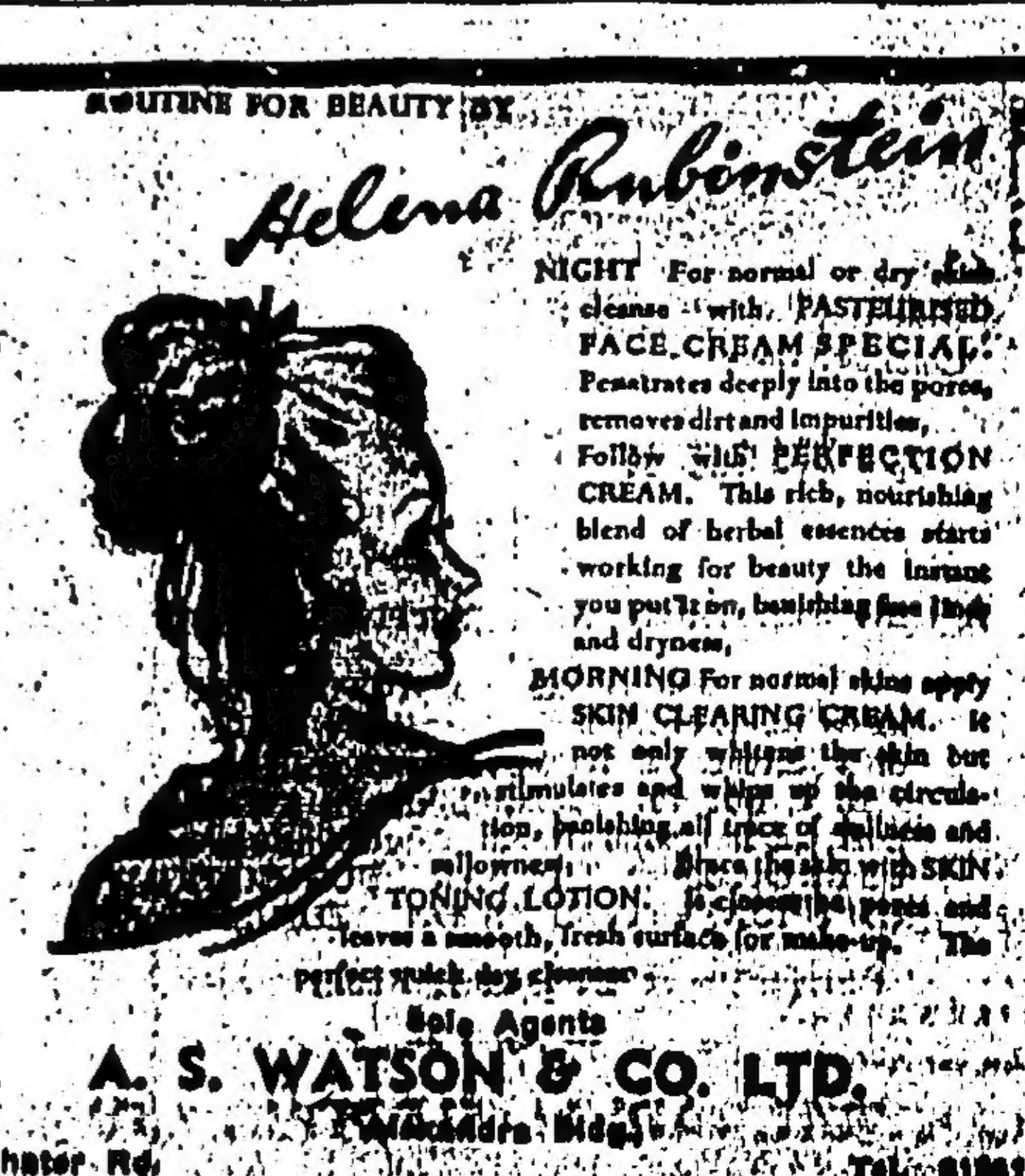


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AGREEMENT REACHED ON FORMULA FOR INDIAN REPUBLIC

London, April 25.

Dominion leaders meeting in secret today reached agreement in principle to consider a joint declaration providing a basis of free association in the Commonwealth which would allow India as a republic to remain a member.

LA PRENSA ON NEWS REPORTING

Buenos Aires, April 26.
Free and impartial reporting of world news can do much for the maintenance of real peace, the newspaper La Prensa said today.

In an editorial marking the 30th anniversary of its association with the United Press, La Prensa said the United Press Service is one of its most important resources for carrying out its fundamental purpose to give the public accurate reports on world events.

La Prensa added: "Yet news associations like the United Press are important not only because of their many resources, their responsibility and wide news coverage by their correspondents. It has been said rightly that a world system of free, independent and impartial news agencies to supply world news with no other aim than to report truth and do much for the maintenance of real peace."

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The Dominion Prime Ministers, back from a week-end adjournment in the country, met again in plenary session this afternoon to seek a means of keeping the future republican India in the Commonwealth.

Knowledgeable quarters are completely silent about this meeting, but earlier it was indicated in Commonwealth circles that the leaders might consider a solution by means of a joint declaration stating the basis of association between the member countries.

In the declaration, India, along with the others, will continue to accept the special status of the King as the symbol of free association in the Commonwealth, but unlike the other nations India will owe no allegiance to the Crown.

The plan is one of a number of ideas on which the leaders may base early decisions on the constitutional problem which has brought them to London from the four corners of the Commonwealth.

The main problem of the conference is still to produce a solution that retains in the Commonwealth a republicanism which cannot recognise the sovereignty of the King.

It is expected that if the plan indicates the way to this solution, steps will be taken to produce an appropriate form of words for the Dominion leaders' consideration.

General reaction to the proposal is as yet unknown. But it is believed that whatever the line of the conference's development, the most important decisions are likely before Wednesday, when the final meeting is due to be held.

Informed quarters understand that there are three main points in India's approach to the question of her continuation in the Commonwealth.

These are:

No Military Alliance

(1) Commonwealth co-operation must not in any way compromise her complete republican independence.

(2) That there can be no question of Commonwealth association involving her in a military alliance.

(3) In keeping with Commonwealth traditions, problems of international policy will be taken up on their merits as they arise. India has always indicated that she wishes to be free of advance commitments.

This afternoon's plenary session at No. 10 Downing Street opened at 1.30 p.m. and lasted two hours. Immediately after the statements left it was learned that they had arranged for a further round-table discussion at 8 p.m.

Though the closest secrecy is still preserved on the progress of the conference, it is understood that following formal week-end exchanges among the leaders, several delegations have prepared rough drafts of their ideas of a solution in preparation for today's meetings.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, this morning had separate private talks with the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, and the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr. D. S. Senanayake.

The Prime Minister of South Africa, Mr. Daniel Malan, and the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser, were Mr. Attlee's weekend guests at Chequers, his official country residence in Buckinghamshire.

Meet MP's

Mr. Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, rejoined the conference today after a week-end adjournment in the country.

Consumption has been hampered by local labour shortages. The

Production during the season is estimated at 15 per cent more than in 1947-48, and consumption about two per cent below the 1947-48 level.

Cultivation has been stimulated by favourable prices in most producer countries and by exceptionally good growing conditions in the United States, this review said.

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Mr. Pearson Confident Of Success

London, April 25.
The Canadian Foreign Minister, Lester B. Pearson, Canadian delegate to the Commonwealth Conference, feels confident that the meeting will be brought to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Pearson told a press conference that he feels more hopeful than when he first arrived that a solution to the Commonwealth problem will be found.

He said: "There is a will to agree among all represented which is the one thing vital to success."—United Press.

Dimitrov Forms Inner Bureau Of Ministers

Prague, April 26.

M. George Dimitrov, the 66-year-old Bulgarian Prime Minister, has formed an Inner Bureau of Ministers, with himself as its head, according to the Sofia correspondent of the Czech news agency.

The other members of this Inner Cabinet were stated to be the Vice-Premier, M. Vasil Kolarov, Mr. Kimon Georgiev, M. Georgi Traichov, Chairman for Science and Arts, M. Vukko Chervenkov, and the Minister of the Interior, M. Anton Yugov.

An official Bulgarian report recently stated that M. Dimitrov was in Russia for medical treatment because of ill-health.

In Belgrade, meanwhile, Marshal Josif Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, and M. Alexander Rankovich, the Minister of the Interior, today bore the coffin of Dr. Djura Djakovic, a former Yugoslav Communist Party Secretary, to be buried in state with the other national heroes.

M. Djakovic, according to Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, was "murdered" by the police of Old Yugoslavia 20 years ago, and his body brought from Slovenia, was today carried to the Kalemegdan Fortress through streets lined with about 200,000 people.

Officials of the Communist Party and trade unions paid tribute to M. Djakovic's part in the class struggle.—Reuter.

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Princess Anne And Baby



Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma nursing her baby daughter, Princess Margaret, in the grounds of her residence "The Little Barn" at Le Gruyere near Lausanne. The baby was born on March 26.—AP Photo.

Plan To Aid Backward Areas Highly Praised

Cape Henry, Virginia, April 26.

Mr. Charles Sawyer, the United States Secretary of Commerce, said here today that President Truman's plan to aid the world's backward areas was a logical extension of the good neighbour policy, aimed at raising the co-efficient of human happiness in the neglected areas of the world.

Speaking at a memorial service in memory of the first landing of English settlers at Cape Henry in 1607, he said: "What is contemplated is a large measure of extension to the other parts of the world of what American business men and their associates and helpers have done here in America."

"This country intends to use its scientific knowledge, its industrial techniques and its economic power to help other countries make progress against hunger, misery and despair."

Mr. Sawyer said that although the United States Government and the World Bank might play some part in financing a programme, it must, in a large part, be financed and carried on by private business if it is to be successful.

He said: "It is not enough to persuade other countries to tolerate American investors and American technicians. Our effort should be to create a state where the advent of American business men and their dollars is eagerly desired."

He declared: "In our effort to establish a favourable climate, it must be made clear that we seek no extraterritorial authority for America or American business, no protection from the ordinary risks of the market place, and no preferential treatment."

"We should be willing to give ample assurance that the inflow of American capital will not be accompanied by interference with national policies or by American domination of their economies."—Reuter.

Count Stora was addressing reporters on his return to Europe from the United States, where he attended the United Nations debates.

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Platter Chatter Poll

The "Platter Chatter Poll" is on! Vote for your favourite artists and tunes in waxed music and win an album of records for your efforts. Fill in the form below and send your entries in to THE EDITOR, TEEN AGE TOPICS, THE "CHINA MAIL" WINDSOR HOUSE, HONG KONG.

- There will be two prizes of an album of records each, for—
1) Teen age contestants. These entries must be accompanied by NAME, ADDRESS and AGE.
- As there reason to believe that "Platter Chatter" is also read by many who have long passed their teens, this prize will be awarded to the "China Mail" reader of any age wishing to take part in the contest.

All entries must reach the "Topics" by 5 p.m. on May 8. Judges will be appointed by TEEN AGE TOPICS and their decision will be final.

Favourites

Male Singer:

Female Singer:

Hot Band:

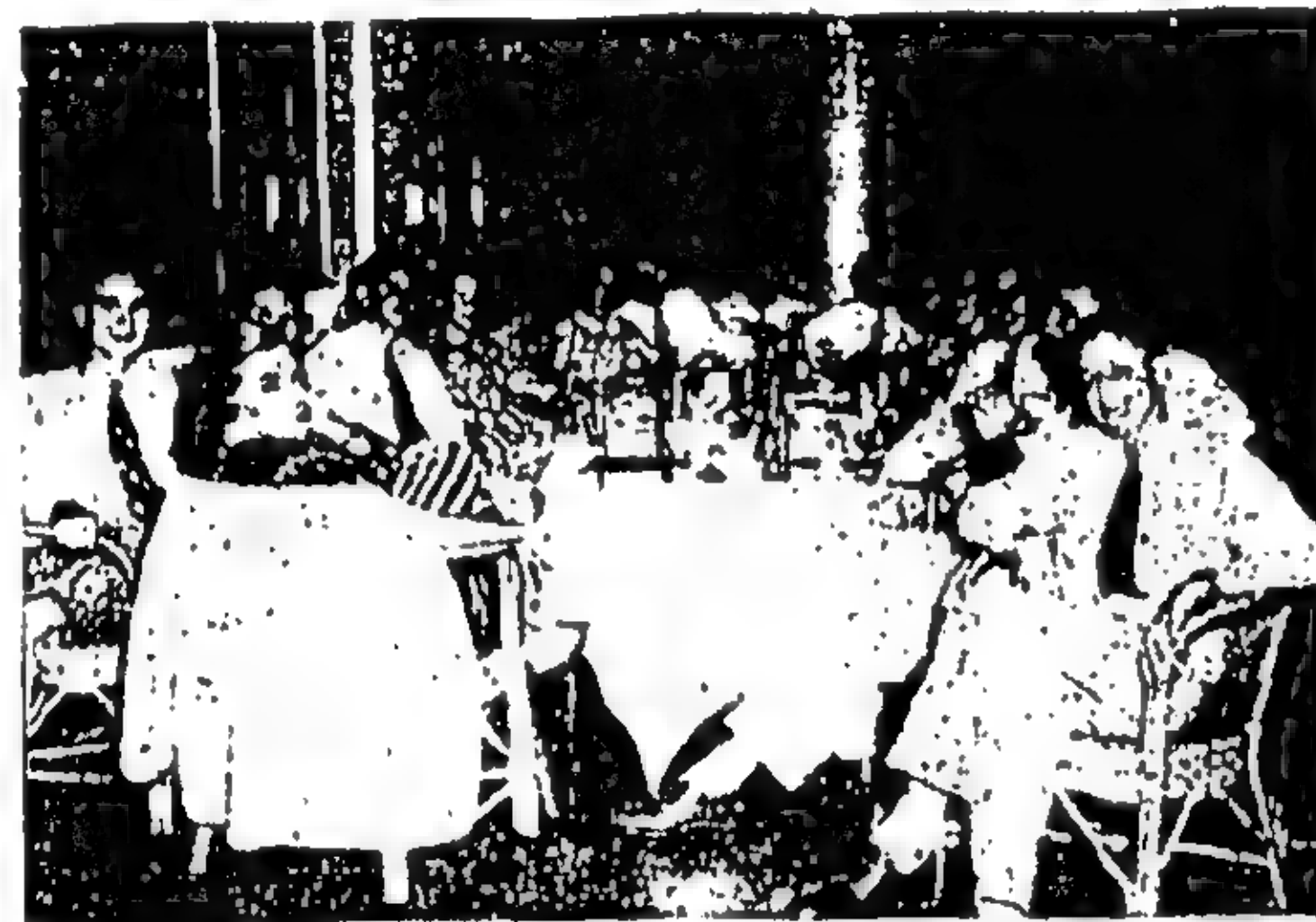
Sweet Band:

Soloist (Instrumental):

Ideal Programme

Write down the 10 best selections which you think should be included in an ideal programme.

The Wren.



The teen age group at the YMCA Reel Club close of the season dance last Saturday, stop in between tunes to smile for the "Topics".
In the picture you would probably be able to pick out Heather Anderson and her sister Shauna, A. Stevens and Norma Stevens, Peter McRae, Blenkinsop, Bridgit Armstrong, Malcolm Clemp, Pat Wickerson and Desmond Ingles. (Photo by "Ming Yuen.")

Teen Aged In 'Fling' With Bagpipes

The YMCA Reel Club's close-of-the season dance last Saturday saw an enthusiastic group of teen aged outdaring their elders, if only in pace, in the numerous flings of Highland numbers to the walling accompaniment of the bagpipe.

The teen aged had a table all to themselves and were in a bit way responsible for the highly enjoyable evening which they helped along by their natural informality.

Dancing began shortly after 8 p.m. and continued well close to midnight after repeated requests by teen aged to extend the dancing hours which Mr. N. Hart-Baker, acting as an excellent Master-of-Ceremonies, arranged.

A fixed set of Scottish Reels provided the highlight of the evening's programme arranged by Mrs. N. Hart-Baker who conducts the Reel Club in the "Y". Mrs. Baker led the reels herself.

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Personality

Barbara Osmund

Teen aged of the week is Barbara Osmund, a constant supporter of the Teen Age Topics.

Barbara is 14-years-old and was born in Hong Kong. She attends the Maryknoll Convent School and likes it there.

Barbara loves swimming best out of all other sports and has been successful twice, she says, in local competitions.

"My ambition," said Barbara, "is to swim the harbour one day, and come in first. I'll be quite hard to succeed, but I'll do it until I succeed," she added determinedly.

Barbara is very fond of the cinema and goes to the theatre as often as she is able. She keeps close contact with her favourite stars by reading film magazines.

Her hobby is collecting film star photographs. And like many other teen aged, Barbara has a whole collection of pen friend addresses all over the world. She is also very punctual with her

correspondence because she loves writing.

Barbara says that she likes to read books but prefers to swim first, go to the cinema, write to her friends and then read books. "And in between all that I study my lessons," she concluded.

Joyce Pomeroy Is 18

Joyce Pomeroy celebrated her 18th birthday on April 24 at her home with a dance party, attended by a large number of her teen age friends.

Dancing began promptly at six o'clock in the evening with refreshment served around 8 p.m.

Gathered around the birthday cake teen aged sang "Happy Birthday" to Joyce before she blew at her candles.

In between living, were a number of games of which "Spin the Plate" was most enjoyed. The party broke up close to midnight after a highly enjoyable evening.

READERS' LETTERS

I have here a suggestion which I hope will be interesting to all teen aged. I am sure everyone is fond of stories, so why not have a competition and see who can write the best story?

Why not arrange that one week hold a competition on writing and stories and another week, a detective stories and so on.

The length of the story I hope is not to be limited but it should not interfere with the next week's competition.

It means a hard job for the judge but I really hope it will turn out to be a success if put to trial.

Teen Aged Maureen.

(This is a good suggestion for the weekly competition. Are there any other views?—Ed.)

I notice that your Topics is getting dull. Teen aged used to write many interesting subjects in your column but now they do not seem to have an interest at all.

What is wrong with the teen aged. No more pep? Come on, let's do something good about the Topics.

Overseas China Doll.
(Okay, China Doll, let's see you do something about it first, eh?—Ed.)

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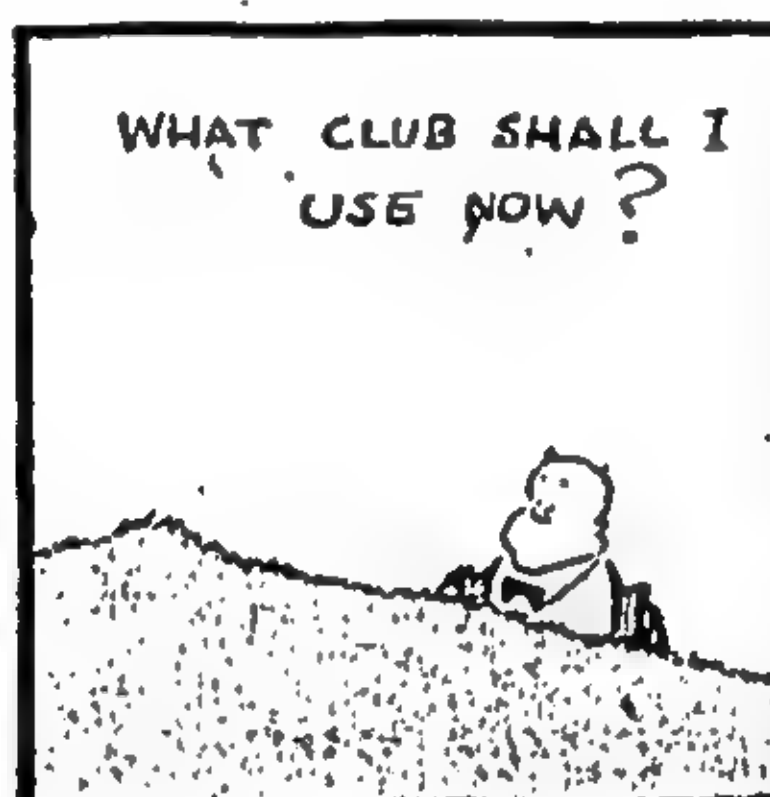
"Oh, Mummies... don't you just LOVE him!"

LOAN TO INDIA?

Washington, April 25.
Mr. John L. Garner, Vice-President of the World Bank, said that the Bank Board expected to receive soon a report from its technical mission which recently returned from India.

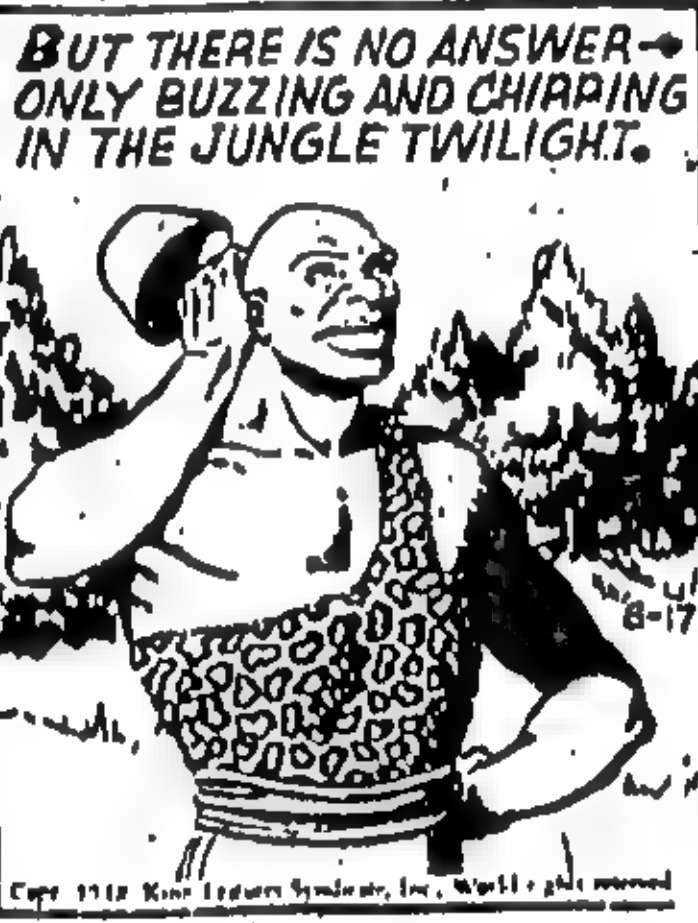
Until this report is received, the Board will be unable to reach a decision upon the "bank ability" of the projects submitted for financing. The specific request by India for financial aid is for railway improvements, but the mission has also investigated power and irrigation plans and in any loan which the Bank might make to India, "some basis" other than transportation might figure, Mr. Garner added.—Reuter.

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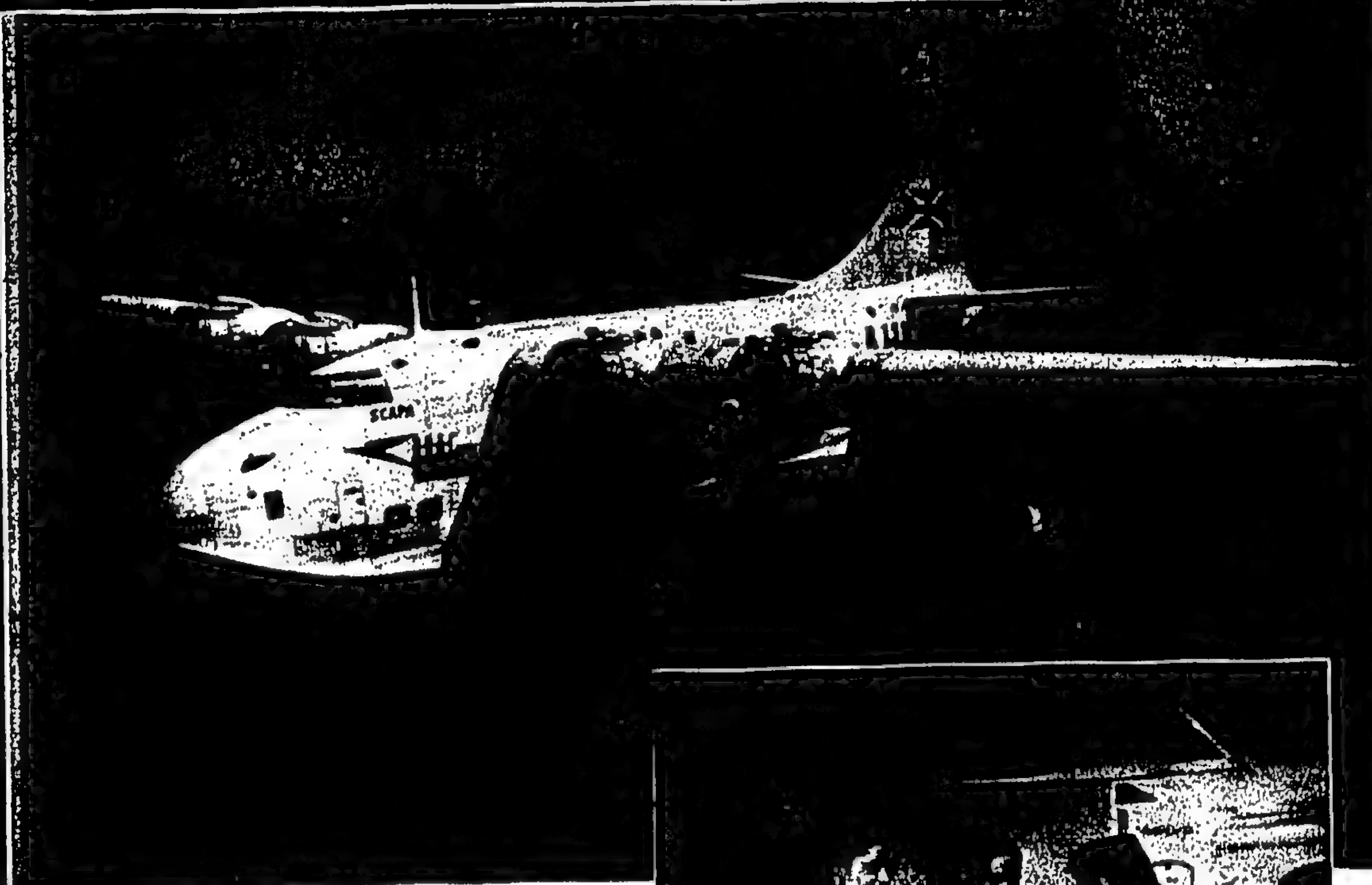
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A full view of BOAC's Solent Flying Boat, which gives passengers the best in speed and comfort. A Solent recently called at Hong Kong and returned to England, carrying the Colony's delegates to the BIF. On the right, an air hostess serves refreshments to passengers on the promenade deck of the Solent. The plane is nearly 90 feet long and is powered by four 1,690 horse-power engines. It can carry 34 passengers at a cruising speed of 200 m.p.h.



Major General C. M. Smith, CB, CBE, MC, Director of Supplies and Transport, War Office, London, inspects a Guard of Honour composed of Chinese under the command of Captain M. F. Turner-Cooke (behind General Smith), at Whitfield Barracks. This was the first time a Guard of Honour had been made up of Chinese Other Ranks. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. U Tat-chee, the Colony's Ginger King, who is the Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong BIF Committee.



Mr. Ip Ping-chuen, BIF delegate, is of the Hong Kong Preserved Ginger Distributors, Limited.



Mr. Chow Chung-ting, Proprietor of the Chow Ngai Hing Knitting Factory, another delegate to the BIF.



Mr. Chiu Che-ken, Assistant Manager of the Nam Jam Factory, one of the Colony's delegates to the BIF.



Mr. Teh Chi-kuen represents the Amoy Canning Corporation at the BIF. He is the Corporation's Chairman.



Mr. T. S. Wong, General Manager of the Amoy Canning Corporation, another Hong Kong delegate to the BIF.



Mr. Samuel C. Tsang, one of the Colony's representatives to the BIF.



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, is shown during his visit to the Social Welfare Centre and the Morrison Hill Camp. The Governor was accompanied by officials of Social Welfare Office.— ("Mayfair" photo)



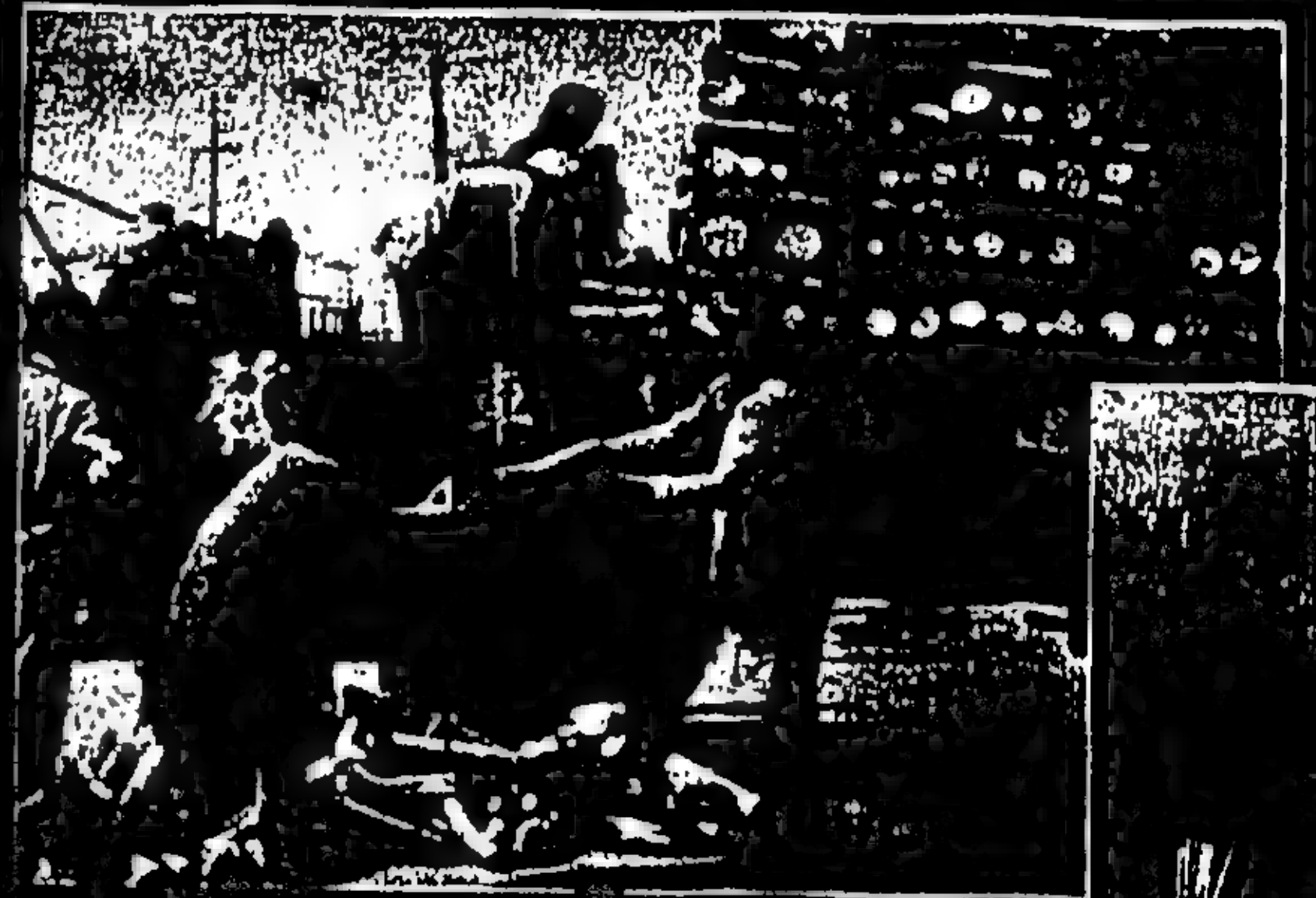
Mr. Harry M. Warner, President of Warner Bros-Pictures (centre) is shown receiving the Cross of the French Legion of Honour for outstanding services to France. The award was made at Hollywood, California, by Mr. A. de Manziarly, French Consul (left).



The Combined Hong Kong Christian Schools' soccer team poses for a picture after their return from Manila. The local boys gave an excellent display of soccer prowess, ending their tour without sustaining one defeat. ("China Mail" photo)

After their game, the Singapore Army Football team and the Combined Hong Kong Chinese aggregation relax during a dinner given in their honour. The Combined Chinese were the only team to take the measure of the visiting soccer squad. ("China Mail" photo)

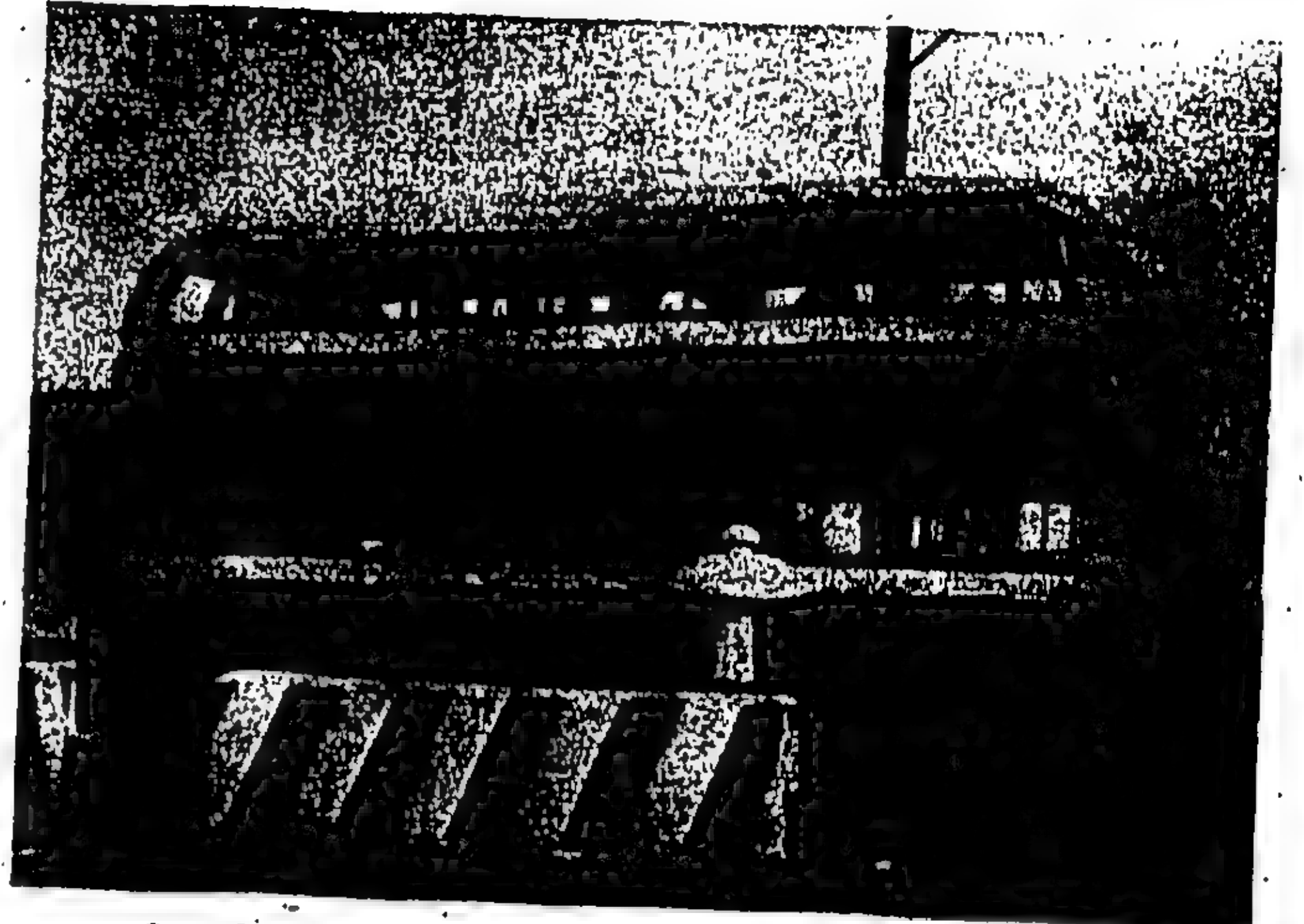
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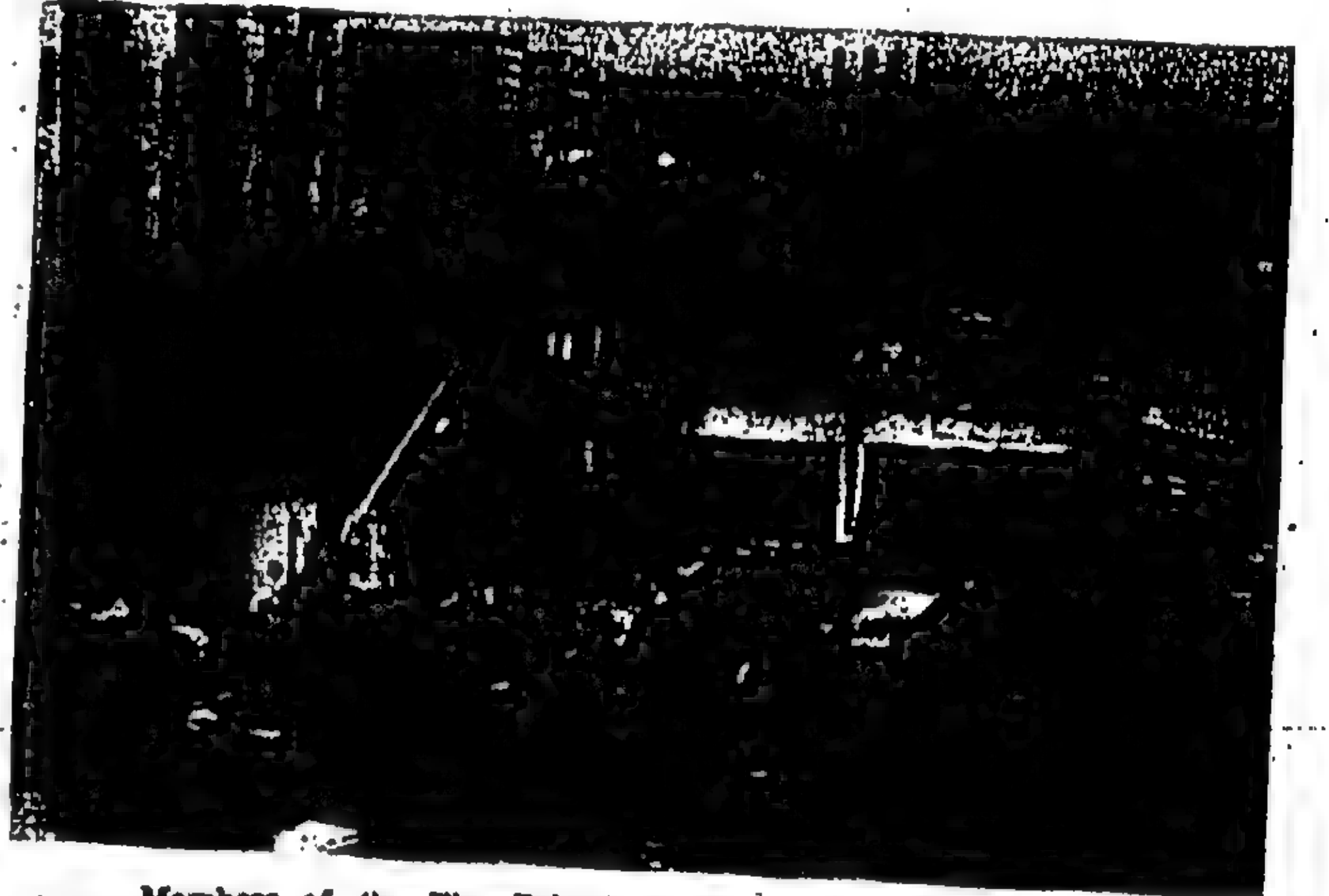
A group picture of the Hong Kong team, taken before their recent game at margin. ("C



AKEN IN HONG KONG



One of the new double-decker buses which the Kowloon Motorbus Company, Limited, put into service recently. ("China Mail" photo)



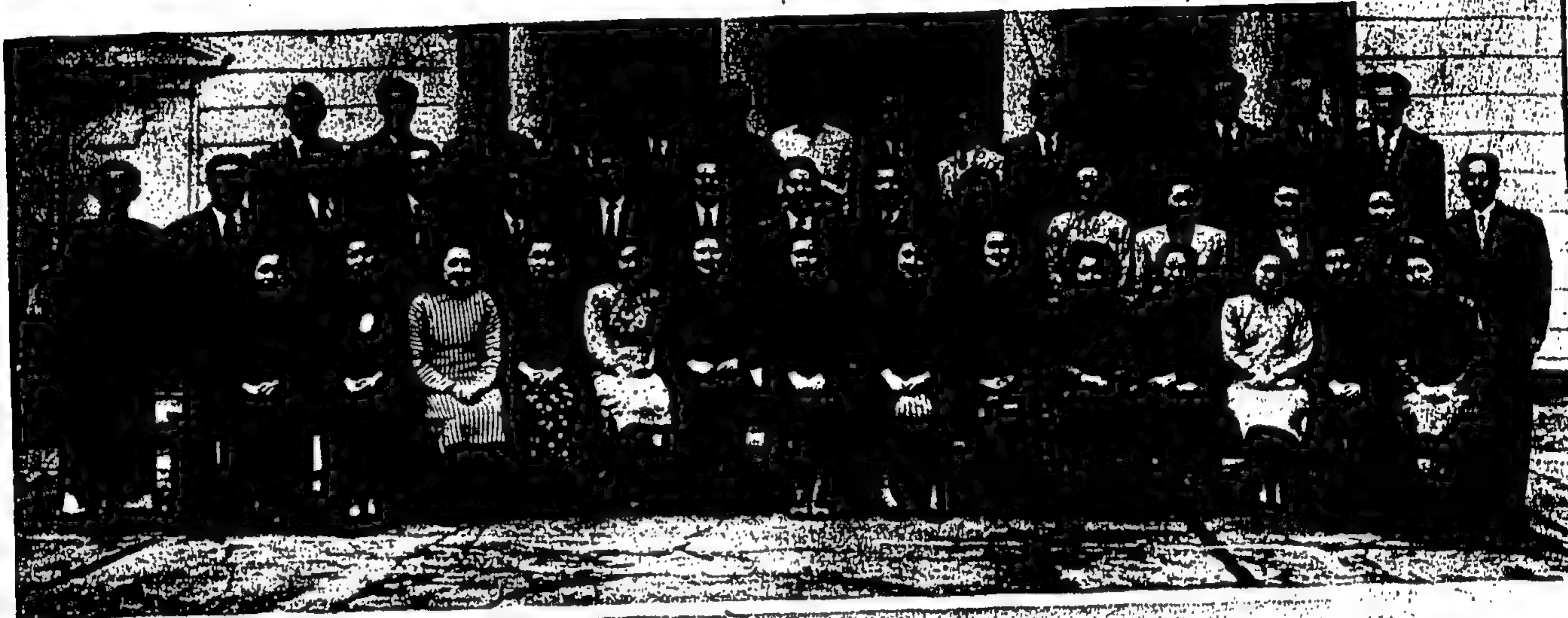
Members of the Fire Brigade train their hoses on the dying flames of a fire which broke out recently in Marble Street, North Point. Several houses were destroyed during the blaze. ("China Mail" photo)



James XI and the Singapore Army Football team. The visitors won by a handy margin. ("China Mail" photo)



The staff of Gillman and Company, Limited, pose with Miss Ruby Mow Fung (centre) who is retiring from the Company after 30 years of service. ("Golden Studio" photo)



Teachers of the Pui Ying Middle School pose for a group picture in front of their school building. ("Sun Ying Ming" photo)

A large crowd was on hand at Kai Tak to see off the members of the Hong Kong delegation to the British Industries Fair, who left recently aboard a specially chartered BOAC Solent Flying Boat. ("China Mail" photo)



Little Marie Therese Caroline, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Bee, looks at the camera after her christening at St. Theresa's Church on Easter Sunday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Bradley recently celebrated her second birthday with a group of friends. ("Sun Ying Ming" photo)

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SIGNIFICANT BOOM IN FOREIGN BONDS

New York, April 26.

Many Wall Street traders are wondering if the current boom in foreign bonds is a sign of a turn for the better in international political and economic conditions. Last week, trading in foreign dollar bonds swelled to relatively large proportions. This big business was preceded in the past few months by a gradual increase in foreign bond dealings.

And in many cases, prices have

skyrocketed.

All this is in sharp contrast to the

activity of foreign loans for a

long period after the war. They

moved like molasses in the

American market. Trade was al-

most non-existent in obligations

of some Iron Curtain countries

in which Communism was an

important factor.

It was estimated that about

\$25,000,000 was added between

March 31 and April 20 to the

quoted value of all foreign bonds

listed on the New York Stock

Exchange. The total quoted value

of all exchange listed foreign

bonds, government and private,

was about \$1,440,000,000 on

March 31.

The \$25,000,000 price rise is

a substantial sum when it is

noted that many loans on the

list, such as those of the British

Commonwealth countries and

some of the more stable Latin

American nations, have re-

mained steady during that

period of 17 market sessions.

A Barometer

Whether or not the foreign

trading can be taken as an in-

dicator of future conditions, it has

demonstrated itself to be an ex-

tremely sensitive reflection of

current world conditions.

Early this week, for instance,

there were reports that the Rus-

sians were seeking to find some

face-saving means of lifting the

Berlin blockade. An immediate

burst of foreign bond trading

carried volume to almost \$4,000,

000 a day for two straight days.

Then came the Yangtze River

incidents in which four British

warships were shelled by Chi-

nese Communists. The traders

turned tail and volume shrank

nearly 50 per cent.—Associated

Press.

KING FAROUK

IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, April 25.

King Farouk of Egypt, accom-

panied by his sister, Princess

Faiza, and her husband arrived

in Cyprus today in his yacht for

a one-day holiday visit.

He will spend the night at a

Summer resort and after touring

the snow-clad Troodos mountain

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mark tomorrow night.—Roulet.

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BUSMEN TROUNCE RAF BY 10 CLEAR GOALS

Kowloon Motor Bus recorded the biggest win in First Division soccer this season when they trounced RAF by 10 clear goals at Boundary Street yesterday.

In their match against Kit Chee at Caroline Hill, Club were, as in the case of their game against Army on Saturday, badly let down by their forwards and forced to admit defeat at the hands of the Chinese by four goals to two.

KMB 10—RAF 0

Kowloon Motor Bus gave the more polished display and fully deserved to win, but the Airmen deserve a word of praise for their fine fighting spirit and for the manner in which they stuck to their guns from the start to the finish.

They were at no time dismayed by the number of goals scored by the busmen, but made their opponents fight every inch of the way.

Cross was the most outstanding player for the Airmen, he excelled not only in attack, but also in defence.

The Airmen gained possession from the start and immediately took the ball into the KMB goalmouth. (Cross just shooting wide of the mark).

The ball was rapidly transferred to the RAF end and in the second minute of the game, Chiu Man-chi gave his side the lead with a well placed shot to the right hand corner of the net with Bartrum unsighted.

Returning to the attack, the busmen went further ahead when a pass by Lee Tai-fai went to Chiu Man-chi, who sent in a powerful drive which Bartrum caught, but failed to hold, the ball spinning out of his hands into the net.

Tam Woon-cheung sent a forward pass to Tang Yee-kit who raced through and shot, only to see his effort turned round the upright for a corner.

Corner Kick

From the resultant corner kick, the ball was lobbed about the RAF goalmouth and eventually deflected into their net by a defender.

A breakthrough by the RAF saw Cross gain possession and centre, but before Nichols could dash up and take advantage of the situation, Tam Woon-kon dived for the ball and cleared.

Tang Yee-kit gave the busmen their fourth goal when he received the ball from Tam Woon-cheung and placed it past Bartrum.

Another attack on the RAF goal ended with Lee Chai-fai gaining possession and lifting the ball over the head of Bartrum to give KMB their fifth goal.



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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION
K. Motor Bus 10 RAF 0
Kit Chee 4 Club 2

whole, very weak, only the goal-keeper showing any brilliance. Starting off one man short, Club were forced on the defensive from the kick-off and play had only been in progress for about two minutes when a perfect centre by Tang Kwong-sum was connected by Cheung Chung-kun, who nodded the ball past Cotton.

Club had hardly recovered from this early reverse when Wang King-chung raced through and sent in a powerful drive which struck the upright and rebounded into play. Wu Chiu-chung, who followed up, gained possession and neatly tapped the ball into the net from close range.

A Fair Share

Barke, the abseiter, then took the field and Club gradually settled down to enjoy a fair share of the attacking.

Kit Chee increased their lead when Tang Kwong-sum sent Cheung Chung-kun through with a neat pass. Cheung's first shot was saved in fine style by Cotton, but before he could recover and clear the ball, Cheung rushed up and netted at the second attempt.

Undaunted, Club continued to fight back with tenacity and were rewarded for their efforts when Main scored from a pass by Klerman.

Club continued to hold the initiative and soon further reduced the lead of their opponents when during an attack on the KMB goal, they were awarded a penalty. Forrow, who was entrusted with the spot kick, made no mistake.

The half time whistle came with the score standing at 3-2 in favour of Kit Chee.

Club were the first to become dangerous on resumption, but their forwards were atrocious in their shooting and many scoring chances were thrown away.

Klerman came into the picture with a rasping shot, the ball running along the crossbar before going out of play.

Club continued to dominate the exchanges and the Kit Chee defence, which was not playing with its accustomed confidence, was given a hectic time.

Little Scope

Kit Chee broke away occasionally, but they were invariably rebuffed by Forrow, who gave the opposing forwards little scope within which to operate.

Much against the run of the play, Kit Chee again increased their lead when they were awarded a penalty for "hands." Yui Chiu-chung converted.

Club had many opportunities not only to reduce Kit Chee's lead, but to draw level, but time and again their forwards failed when favourably placed.

The final whistle came without any further action, leaving Kit Chee somewhat lucky winners by four goals to two.

Kit Chee: Cheung Koon-hing, Fok Yiu-wah, Kwok Ying-yin, Lee Ping-hing, Yui Wah-hing, Lo Wai-ken, Tang Kwong-sum, Yui Chiu-chung, Cheung Chung-kun, Wo Chiu-chung and Wong King-chung.

Club: Cotton, F. Fowler, F. Strange, Barclay, Forrow, Beck, Baker, Mullen, Main, Klerman, Barker.

TENNIS FIXTURES

The following tennis matches have been arranged by the Tennis Section of the Kowloon Cricket Club to take place at the KCC:

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

E.G.P. Guest v J. Arsoni, Mr. Lo and W. W. W. v Miss Flavoured and A.E.P. Guest.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

T.O. Baker and Dr. N.Y. Ng v winners H. Oberle and W.A. Palmer v A.E.P. and G.P. Guest.

Mr. M. Leblanc and Mr. van Houten v Mrs. A.V. White and Miss Lambert Baker.

Mr. L.P. Stokes v winner Mrs. K. L. Litten and Mr. R. Groundwater.

Miss J. Broadbent and H.S. Yung v Mrs. L. Benjamin and J. Arsoni

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Mr. and Mrs. Norman v Mr. and Mrs. A.V. White.

Capt. Turner Cooke v A.E.P. Guest.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

W. Gillies and A.V. White v H. Oberle and G.P. Guest.

Miss M. Ribben v Winner Mrs. M. Leblanc and Mr. Lambert Baker.

E. Randall v Winner Capt. Turner Cooke and A.E.P. Guest.

E.C. Fincher v Winner T.O. Baker and H. Oberle.

Mr. Dorcy and Lavinia v Winner Mr. and Mrs. Norman and Mr. and Mrs. White.

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Outstanding Yachting Event Recalled

The outstanding yachting event since the last report was undoubtedly the Taipo Race held on Good Friday.

The start was at 7.10 a.m. from Junk Bay, where most of the Yachts assembled the night before.

A tug was provided by the Texas Company for the starting line and Mr. Nicklen, the Tsun Wan Installation Manager, provided the starting gun.

The race proved to be a good test of seamanship since, owing to a stiff Easterly breeze a considerable swell was encountered all the way from Fu Ta Mun Pass until sheltered waters were reached at the South Channel entrance to Long Harbour.

There were 11 starters—eight Cruisers and three Dragons—but only seven Yachts completed the course.

Two of the Cruisers had to retire with split sails, including La Cigale which, owing to a late start, did not officially rank as a "starter", while two others Nona 11 and Curlew were obliged to seek shelter.

The Dragons showed up particularly well and obtained the first three places.

The two leading yachts crossing the finishing line half an hour ahead of the scratch boat, Mr. Dalziel's new cruiser Orion.

In fact so early did they reach Taipo that the judges had not arrived, with the result that there was a dispute as to the winner.

The leading yacht La Linda completed the course before half past two, and elapsed time of seven hours and 18 minutes.

The second yacht Estuary, who had caught up nearly a mile in the lighter airs of Tolo Channel, to a distance of not more than 200 yards astern actually claimed that she won.

The finishing line was the prolongation of the Taipo Railway Jetty with no distant mark.

Estuary's claim was that by crossing the line some half a mile from the shore she had a shorter course to sail and was thus enabled to win.

Owing to the unfortunate absence of the Judge and the lack of any other evidence the claim was abandoned and the prize awarded to La Linda.

The final results were as follows:

Yacht	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
La Linda	7:18.0	7:02.1
Estuary	7:18.0	7:02.1
Orion	7:40.0	7:24.3
Curlew	7:40.0	7:24.3
Nona 11	7:40.0	7:24.3
Dragon	7:40.0	7:24.3
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The Yachts returned to Hong Kong in their own time, but those who delayed their departure till Monday encountered heavy rain, flat calms and dense fog, making progress at times almost impossible.

Thus a journey which took only 7½ hours on the way up took over 24 hours to return, and this only with the aid of much rowing and a friendly tow. Nevertheless, a very good week-end was had by all.

Last Thursday saw the first of the weekly "notices" series of races, which, judging by replies received to a recent questionnaire, show every prospect of being a very popular feature.

A helmsman is classed as a "novice" until he (or she) has won a race under the burgee of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Three wins in this series disqualify helmsman from further participation.

BENEFIT SOCCER MATCH ARRANGED

A benefit soccer match in aid of funds for dependants of victims of the Yangtze action will be played on Wednesday, May 25 between the Combined Services and Rest of the Colony.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night.

The meeting also decided that a benefit soccer match should be played on May 24 for Soong Ling, a young of South China "A" who was seriously injured while playing against the Koreans during their recent visit here.

Arrangements were also made for the second match in the Victory Shield Competition to be played on May 11 and the first game on May 18.

The customary match between the Champions and The Rest will be played at Caroline Hill on May 8. The following have been selected to represent The Rest:

Anderson (Army), Baker (St. Joseph's), Baker (Royal Navy), Baker (Club).

Athletic Meet Today

The Land Forces Hong Kong Athletic Meet which was postponed on Wednesday last owing to the inclement weather, will be held at Soekunpoo today, starting at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Mrs. De Burch Morris has kindly consented to present the Trophy and Prizes at the conclusion of the meeting.

Selections will be rendered by the Band of the Buffs Regiment, by kind permission of Lt. Colonel F.W.B. Parry, Officer Commanding 1st Bn. The Buffs Regiment.

TWO CLUBS ADMITTED TO HKLBL

The Police Recreation Club and the Kowloon Docks Recreation Club were both admitted to the First Division of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls League at a meeting of the General Committee held yesterday, presided over by Mr. J. McKelvie, President of the Association.

Messrs. U.M. Omar, C.P. Baste, C. Pope, together with the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary were elected to the League Management Committee.

The meeting decided that nine teams should participate in the First Division, and eight each in the Second and Third Divisions. The closing date for the entries in the Colony Open Champions' ships had been fixed for May 23, and entrance fee of \$5 a player for each event.

It was also decided that the winners of each League be given promotion and the wooden spoons relegated to open May 14, when the following matches will be played starting at 4 p.m.

FIRST DIVISION

Craigengower CC v Kowloon CC

Kowloon Docks v Police CC

Kowloon BGC v Club de Recreio

Electric.

Indian RC v Club de Recreio

"A" Hong Kong CC (Bye).

SECOND DIVISION

Club de Recreio v Hong Kong FC

Tai Koo Docks v Filipino Club

Indian RC v Kowloon BGC

Kowloon CC v Craigengower CC

THIRD DIVISION

Police CC v Prison CC

Club de Recreio v Hong Kong CC

Kowloon CC v Kowloon Docks

Kowloon BGC v Hong Kong Electric.

TO PLAY VS Sports Club

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in a return lawn bowls game against the Sports Club on Saturday April 30, at 3.30 p.m. at the KCC.

C.R. Rossett, J. Orem, C. Thompson, W. Baker, A.C. Tribble, F. Goodwin, P.S. Copell, W.J. Keates, S.A. Gies, T. Madar, A.E.P. Guest, J.H. Evans, E.R. Forrest, F.E. Skinner, L. Lock, W.E. Baker, W.A. Palmer, J.M. Lawrence, L. Brezzy, W.H. Cowie, A.W. Ramsey, H. Kew, J.M. Forrest, W. Butterworth, H. Gilens, C. S. A. Graham, W. Hong Sing, Geo. Lee, A. Graham, C.I. Stapleton, E.C. Fincher and D.O. MacDonald.

HOCKEY LEAGUE TABLE

FINAL STANDING

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army	22	15	2	5	40
Navy	22	15	4	3	34
Khalsa	22	15	4	3	34
HK Police	22	15	4	3	34
Civil Service	22	11	10	11	32
RAF	22	9	11	12	29
University	22	7	14	19	26
Dutch RC	22	6	14	20	24
Cable & Wireless	22	6	14	20	24
Dockyard RC	22	4	17	7	9
YMCA	22	2	19	19	6

RAF v HK Police. Walk over

conceded by Police.

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURE

Sunday, May 1

Portugal v Pakistan; King's Park

(RNRC 1), 10 a.m.; Umpire: G.T. Palmer-A.E.P. Guest.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE

TO DATE

England v Holland Holland

India v Scotland India

Malaya v Ireland Ireland

Portugal v Pakistan Portugal

May 2. The application was granted.

At letter from Captain Chinnell, complaining about the failure of Eastern to field a team for their match against Kwong Wah on April 28, was read to the meeting, it being explained that no apology or statement had been received from Eastern in the matter.

The Committee further decided that a recommendation should be submitted to the Council of the Association suggesting that the Eastern be invited to play a match at Midweek, that is, on May 28.

Yankees Tighten Grip On Lead In American League

New York, April 26.

The New York Yankees strengthened their grip on the American League leadership yesterday with a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics behind the five-hit pitching of Vic Raschi.

In Boston, Southpaw Mel Parnell ran his scoreless streak to 18 innings as he pitched the Boston Red Sox to a 2-0 shutout of the Washington Senators. Parnell yielded seven hits, all singles.

The Detroit at Chicago game was postponed because of rain, and the Cleveland Indians and St. Louis Browns were not scheduled.

In the National League, Bill Voiselle of Boston tossed the Brooklyn Dodgers 3-0, giving up only six hits—all singles. It was the first meeting of the season of the League's two favoured teams.

The New York Giants chased in four runs in the eighth inning to trim the Philadelphia Phillies 6-3—principally because of three Philadelphia errors.

There were two night games.

SCORES:

American League R H E

Philadelphia 2 5 3

New York 3 5 1

Winning pitcher: Vic Raschi.

Losers: Paul Culvert.

Washington 0 7 0

Boston 2 6 0

Winning pitcher: Mel Parnell.

Losers: Paul Culvert.

National League

Boston 3 6 1

Brooklyn 0 0 3

Winning pitcher: Bill Voiselle.

Losers: Morris Martin.

Home Soccer Results

London, April 25.

The results of soccer games played today were:

SECOND DIVISION:

West Ham 1 Brentford 1

SCOTTISH "A" DIVISION:

Morton 0 Rangers 1

OTHER MATCHES:

Brighton 1 Charlton 2

Millwall 3 Celtic 2

Tottenham 2 Hibernian 5

—Reuter.

RUGBY FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, April 25.

The results of rugby football games played today were:

Union: Cross Keys 8 Penance

and Newlyn 0. Neath 3 Swansea

6. Torquay 12 Gloucester 0.

Leeds 10 Huddersfield 36 Leeds

0. Hunslet 20 Bramley 2 St.

Helen's 18 Barrow 5.—Reuter.

SIX NATIONS AT HORSE SHOW

Rome, April 25.

Six nations—Italy, Britain,

Eire, France, Spain and Sweden

will be represented by 50 men

and 15 women riders with more

than 100 horses at the International Horse Show, which will be

held from April 30 to May 8.

This will be the first time in

the history of the Rome Show

that Sweden has sent a national

team to take part.—Reuter.

Peter Flower Best Backed Horse

London, April 25.

Lord Rosebury's Peter Flower was the best backed

horse for the Two Thousand Guineas when the

card was called over at the Victoria Club, Lon-

don, tonight.

Peter Flower closed a firm fourth favourite at 13 to

2, a cut of three and a half points compared

with the previous callover when he was quoted

at 10 to 1.